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CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SEASONS AND SPECIAL DAYS
CHURCH CALENDAR 1956-57

(Church Calendar and Monthly and Seasonal Emphases will be found on pages 61, 62.)

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A. D.	Name	Presbytery	Place of Assembly
1861.	Rev. Benj. M. Palmer, D.D., LL.D.*	New Orleans	Augusta
1862.	Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrict, D.D.*	Concord	Montgomery
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1865.	Rev. George Howe, D.D., LL.D.*	Charleston	Macon
1866.	Rev. Andrew Hart Kerr, D.D.*	Memphis	Memphis
1867.	Rev. Thos. Verner Moore, D.D.*	East Hanover	Nashville
1868.	Rev. John N. Waddel, D.D., LL.D.*	Chickasaw	Baltimore
1869.	Rev. Stuart Robinson, D.D.*	Louisville	Mobile
1870.	Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D.D.*	West Hanover	Louisville

MINUTES

FIRST DAY

Richmond, Virginia, June 2, 1955

The ninety-fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States convened in the Grace Covenant Church at 7:30 p. m. as the guest of the Presbytery of East Hanover, commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Organization of the Presbytery of Hanover (the first Presbytery in the South).

Rev. Frederick H. Olert, Chairman of Presbytery's Committee, presided over the opening worship service, assisted by Rev. William B. Ward, pastor-elect of Grace Covenant Church. Music was by the Grace Covenant Chancel Choir.

Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Moderator, preached the opening sermon from the text, Romans V:8, and took as his theme: "The Commendation of God's Love."

The Assembly was called to order by the Moderator who also offered the opening prayer.

The Stated Clerk reported that official information has been received that the Synod of Texas has dissolved the Presbytery of Texas-Mexican. The churches which formerly constituted this Presbytery have been transferred to the presbyteries of Brazos, Central Texas and Western Texas.

The Stated Clerk reported that official information has been received that the Synod of Florida has divided the Presbytery of St. Johns into three presbyteries bearing the following names: The Everglades, St. Johns and Westminster. Commissioners have been enrolled from all three presbyteries.

The Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

ROLL

1. SYNOD OF ALABAMA

Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1. Birmingham	Jon K. Crow	Henry A. Neff
"	Edward V. Ramage	James H. Bryan
"	Alexander Henry	Lewis T. Thoman
2. Central Alabama	Albert C. Winn	George W. Jones

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
3.	East Alabama	J. Norton Dendy	O. G. Ogletree
	"	Henry E. Russell	Mac D. Saxon (2)
	"	C. L. Morrison	S. J. Wachs
4.	Mobile	Eugene P. Poe	Ort H. Ertzinger
	"	J. Calvin Chesnutt	Marion M. Cardwell
5.	North Alabama	Ivan H. Trusler	W. B. Whitfield
	"	Roland Sims	F. B. Adams
6.	Tuscaloosa	Newton P. Cox, Jr.	Tennis Garrison
	"	Ed Payne Miller, Jr.	J. M. Gilmer

2. SYNOD OF APPALACHIA

1.	Abingdon	Thompson E. Davis	Preston S. Copenhaver
	"	Ben F. Brown	Robert E. Kell
	"	F. J. Brooke, Jr.	O. G. Bailey
2.	Asheville	John Rupert McGregor	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
	"	Paul Nesbitt Gresham	Edward G. Roberts
3.	Holston	R. T. L. Liston	Robert L. Morrison
	"	Sam Cappel	John Forbes
	"	Thomas A. Fry, Jr.	Robert E. Marshall
	"	Claude A. Calcote	R. L. Herr
4.	Knoxville	Joseph B. Mack	George Thompson
	"	Reuben T. Allen, Jr.	T. Mack Blackburn
	"	J. Witherspoon Dunlap	R. S. Reynolds
	"	Arthur M. Field, Jr.	John F. Llewellyn

3. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS

1.	East Arkansas	A. F. Fogartie	William M. Brawner
	"	S. T. Hill	Ray Worthington
2.	Ouachita	Alton J. Shirey	Austin Capps
	"	R. F. Tranmer	H. W. Bacon
3.	Washburn	J. Russell Cross	A. Walton Litz
	"	James E. Fogartie	Dr. Joseph A. Norton

4. SYNOD OF FLORIDA

1.	The Everglades	J. Wayte Fulton, Jr.	Ralph J. Blank
	"	Russell D. Toms	Carl S. Harris (2)
	"	John D. Henderson	S. Oliver O'Bryan
2.	Florida	A. M. Keith	J. E. Gilbert
	"	Thomas P. Horger, Jr.	W. F. Green
3.	St. Johns	Angus G. McInnis	J. L. Mallard
	"	William M. Belk	J. Stanley Bumby
	"	Hugh C. Hamilton	Earl H. Lynch
4.	Suwannee	William Henry Crane	Raymond B. Harris
	"	Joseph W. Conyers	M. Elmer Taylor
	"	E. F. Montgomery	James S. MacLean
	"	L. H. Eikel	Fred L. Hughes
5.	Westminster	Stewart H. Long	W. C. McLean, Sr.
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	"	William S. Porter	Stanley K. Wallace
	"	Walter B. Passiglia	Jesse H. Stuart
	"	B. L. Bowman	Philip J. Lee

5. SYNOD OF GEORGIA

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1.	Athens	Fred J. Harmon	J. H. Parks
2.	Atlanta	Albert N. Wells	George E. Goodwin
	"	Marion H. Currie	L. H. Parris
	"	LeRoy C. Obert	E. C. Hammond
	"	Wade H. Bell, Jr.	James G. Gallant
	"	Sam H. Christopher, Jr.	R. E. Molyneaux
	"	Fitzhugh M. Legerton	A. M. Bowen
	"	F. Sidney Anderson, Jr.	E. L. Hanger
	"	J. McD. Richards	Joseph E. Patrick
3.	Augusta-Macon	Albert G. Harris	L. W. Tabor
	"	Massey Mott Heltzel	R. B. White (3)
4.	Cherokee	George W. Long, Jr.	Doyle S. Wardlaw
	"	H. Graham Keys	George W. Collett
5.	Georgia-Carolina	Allen E. Fortune	
6.	Savannah	Armando Rodriguez	W. S. Patterson
	"	O. A. Radford	Fielding Russell
7.	Southwest Georgia	William McKay	J. T. Myers
	"	W. B. Clemmons	Dr. W. L. Cooke

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1.	Guerrant	Wm. C. Brown	Ramsey Fuller
2.	Lexington-Ebenezer	Byron L. Milton	Earl Friedly
	"	W. R. Raborn	Devaughn Pratt
3.	Louisville	William L. Huntsman	Russell B. Miller
	"	H. Glenn Stephens	Houston A. Baker
	"	Lawrence W. Bottoms (2)	Harold L. Clemens
	"	Frank H. Caldwell	Chas. F. Sibley
4.	Muhlenberg	Paul M. Watson	Noble Noel
5.	Transylvania	Leonard E. Woodward	Horace A. Johnston

7. SYNOD OF LOUISIANA

1.	Louisiana	Jefferson K. Aiken	Selser R. Pickett, Sr.
	"	Leonard O. Elmore	F. A. Frere, Jr.
2.	Louisiana-Mississippi	L. A. Bayne	Thos. E. Rose
3.	New Orleans	Thomas M. Davis	Earl G. Luke
	"	J. M. Gregory	R. A. Bibbins
	"	A. L. Ash	Steve Juhasz
4.	Red River	Wade H. Boggs	W. L. McKinney
	"	R. G. Valentine	John A. Richardson
	"	Palmer Wm. Deloteus	E. F. Jones

8. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI

1.	Central Mississippi	Reginald S. Lowe	Jack Flurry
	"	J. W. Lipscomb	Dekalb Wylie
	"	John H. Thompson	Jno. C. Batte
	"	Dwyn M. Mounger	Cleveland Davis
2.	East Mississippi	Wm. C. Sistar	Bob Shelton
	"	Bernard V. Munger	Dr. L. L. McCharen
3.	Meridian	G. Thomas Preer	Joe A. McFarland, Jr.
	"	J. A. Warren	Alfred Moore
4.	Mississippi	E. G. Boyce	Orrick Metcalfe
5.	North Mississippi	C. R. Slider	Wesley R. Bailey
	"	John K. Johnson	Will Lewis

9. SYNOD OF MISSOURI

Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1. Lafayette	F. H. Daniel	A. L. Maxwell
2. Missouri	Klair L. Armstrong	E. C. Wood
3. Potosi	Louis E. Evans	George Carr
4. St. Louis	S. H. Salmon	Ralph K. Watson
"	Robert E. Cogswell	Harry A. Vinyard
5. Upper Missouri	Duncan R. Crockett	K. P. Dunaway, Jr.
"	Dwight Seneker	Geo. Dawson Trimble
"	G. W. Whiteside	Robert R. Anderson

10. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

1. Albemarle	W. D. Morton	W. N. Clark
"	W. P. Burns	W. F. Somers
"	E. L. Willingham, III	F. L. Fussell
2. Concord	Joseph H. Carter	A. W. Kelley
"	Sidney A. Gates	Dr. Alex S. Moffett
"	Neill R. McGeachy	J. H. Baucom
"	Carl W. McMurray	C. A. Poole
3. Fayetteville	David A. Huffines, Jr.	Edward B. Hope
"	James Appleby	T.Clyde Auman
"	S. E. Howie	Lacy John
"	R. F. Sloop	Murphy F. McGirt
"	Charles Rees Jenkins	Clarence Lytch
4. Granville	John M. Walker, Jr.	A. M. Cunningham
"	J. H. Lansinger	J. Fleming Wily, Jr.
"	Thomas T. Traynham	R.W. Shoffner
5. Kings Mountain	W. S. Patterson	Roy G. Clark
"	J. S. Johnson	B. W. Griffith
"	R. T. Baker	J. Graham Morrison
6. Mecklenburg	Russell M. Kerr	J. Reid Abernathy
"	Carl S. Miller	C. W. Gilchrist
"	W. B. Neill	C. L. Elliott
"	W. Ted Smith	Henry H. Massey
"	William M. Boyce	L. Hunter Pharr
"	Stewart W. Yandle	John C. Ashcraft
"	David E. Wilkinson	R. V. Mason
"	James R. Crook	S. H. McCall, Jr.
7. Orange	James Thomas Donnell	Dr. E. H. Ellinwood
"	Chester Alexander	W. M. Watts
"	Charles W. Jennings	J. G. McAllister, Jr.
"	Scott McNair Poole	Charles E. Kerchner
"	Leslie Bullock	Alex. M. Rankin, Jr.
8. Wilmington	Price H. Gwynn, Jr.	J. M. Council, Jr.
"	Samuel M. Houck	W. C. Scoggins
"	L. A. Taylor	
"	Samuel N. Thomas	James H. Clark
9. Winston-Salem	James Burt MacLeod	Chas. M. Sprinkle
"	Paul H. Richards	G. Glenn Nichols

11. SYNOD OF OKLAHOMA

1. Durant	R. R. Craig	Ed Cason
2. Indian	Oscar Gardner	Ed Brown
3. Mangum	S. P. Riccobene	James A. Harkins

12. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

	Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1.	Bethel	F. Clay Doyle	A. J. Richards (3)
	"	Laurence Williams	W. J. Roddey, Jr.
	"	Charles E. Kirkpatrick	H. Phelps Brooks, Jr.
2.	Charleston	Charles Robert Tapp	James J. Sollar, Jr.
	"	Hubert G. Wardlaw	Chester Francis
3.	Congaree	T. Robert Fulton	John B. Klugh
	"	Cecil D. Brearley, Jr.	R. C. Andrews
4.	Enoree	James W. Walkup	R. E. Gettys
	"	Herman J. Womeldorf	H. B. Peden
	"	J. Phillips Noble	H. B. Kilgore
5.	Harmony	Russell W. Park, Jr.	A. W. Ragsdale
	"	Wm. C. Rhodes, Jr.	Duncan Thompson
6.	Pee Dee	W. G. Foster, Jr.	Dr. S. M. Witherspoon
	"	J. R. Woods	John H. Martin
7.	Piedmont	Marshal L. Smith	G. L. Sadler
	"	Sam C. Smith	W. A. Hopkins
8.	South Carolina	E. F. Gettys	
	"	William H. Dendy	R. L. Weeks

13. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE

1.	Columbia	Fred S. Rogers	Caldwell Brown
2.	Memphis	Turney B. Roddy	A. Van Pritchartt
	"	James A. Cogswell	Clifford W. Coleman
	"	R. M. Dickson	John L. Wellford
	"	Edward M. Nesbitt	Quinton D. Edmonds
3.	Nashville	Oscar Floyd Hooker	Norwood J. Gant
	"	Adrian G. Kolean	John B. Price, Jr.
	"	Edward C. Hay	Phil Cockerham

14. SYNOD OF TEXAS

1.	Brazos	Lawrence M. Malloy	John H. Hill
	"	C. Rodney Sunday	Everett P. Veatch, M.D.
	"	S. Guice Stewart	Harry D. Payne
	"	David M. Currie	Frank S. Haines, Jr.
	"	J. Kelly Neal	John R. Bagby
	"	C. L. King	
	"	J. S. Cantu	W. J. Teel
2.	Central Texas	Jan A. McMurry	Robert Q. Cohen
	"	C. Ellis Nelson	Phil Howard
3.	Dallas	Cecil H. Lang	James P. Anderson
	"	Robert P. Douglass	John Myers
	"	H. Kerr Taylor	Thos. R. Leslie
	"	Milton H. Knox	Chas. T. McCroy
	"	Howard G. Maatman	C. A. Wilson
4.	El Paso	R. Matthew Lynn	Geo. A. Stallworth
	"	Joe M. Brown	J. W. Baldwin
5.	Mid-Texas	Roland Murray	Walter R. Humphrey
	"	John W. Cunningham	Mark H. Littleton
	"	Alfred G. Severin	Aaron F. Clark
6.	Paris	C. Monroe King	Drew Ludlam
	"	William Henry Benchoff	J. D. Saxon
7.	Western Texas	G. W. Crofoot	Garland M. Lasater
	"	M. H. Applewhite	Dr. Edwin P. McLean
	"	C. I. Kelly	Henry H. Bryant
	"	Frank B. Walker	P. R. Menn
	"	Jack C. Ramsay, Jr.	Vincel O. Smith
	"	Isaac S. de Lugo	James W. Jamison

15. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA

Presbyteries	Ministers	Ruling Elders
1. East Hanover	Philip A. Roberts	Richard L. Sthreshley
"	Holmes Rolston	Julian Watson
"	W. B. Sullivan	Paul F. Swasey
"	Ernest T. Thompson	W. K. Fitch
"	W. L. Carson	Robert N. McLeod
"	Samuel L. Belk	William F. Bell
2. Lexington	James A. Allison, Jr.	R. H. Clemmer
"	James E. Bear	G. P. Bowman
"	James T. Womack, Jr.	J. L. Clarkson
"	James M. McDaniel	John H. East
"	R. G. Hutcheson, Sr.	W. C. Shiflet
3. Montgomery	P. G. Cosby, III	P. B. Dyck
"	W. Graham Wood	John W. Brightwell
"	Louis F. Hoffman	S. S. Hoge
"	A. H. Hollingsworth, Jr.	Frank G. Payne
"	Ellison A. Smyth	Oscar B. Drinkard
4. Norfolk	Willis Thompson	W. W. Forbes
"	Lawrence F. Sthreshley, Jr.	L. A. Metcalf
"	W. W. Grover	John M. Guthrie
"	Edward H. Jones	Walter E. Disney, Jr.
"	James I. Lowry	W. Harley Ross
5. Potomac	John McPherson	Donald G. Benn (2)
"	John R. Winter	Edward N. Stirewalt
"	Kenneth V. Shick	John H. Walker
"	Wm. H. Foster, Jr.	R. B. Foster, Jr.
6. Roanoke	F. Wellford Hobbie	J. E. Cooper
"	H. M. Washburn	Royster Lyle
7. West Hanover	John C. B. McLaughlin	
"	Lorin Eugene Jordan	Dr. Howard R. Richardson
8. Winchester	P. Cary Adams	Paul C. Rouzer
"	John D. MacLeod, Jr.	James S. Clower
"	G. Raymond Womeldorf	Foster Bland

16. SYNOD OF WEST VIRGINIA

1. Bluestone	Paul Bohn	A. R. Kyle
"	H. Bruce Fisher	James Justice
1. Greenbrier	Joe G. Morrison, Jr.	A. W. Boon
"	James W. Wright	J. M. McNeel
3. Kanawha	Thomas C. Clay	Carter L. Franklin
"	J. M. Bemiss	Frank W. Robertson
"	Chas. W. McNutt	William E. Perrow (2)
"	Veto A. Venezia	M. S. Goodholm
"	Paul E. Bailey	C. C. Dickinson

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The rules governing the election of a Moderator were reviewed by the Stated Clerk after which Rev. J. McDowell Richards, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Atlanta, was elected Moderator.

While the clerks were tabulating the votes for Moderator, the Assembly transacted the following business:

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CLERKS

Upon nomination by the Stated Clerk, Rev. Stewart H. Long of the Presbytery of Westminster, Rev. S. P. Riccobene of the Presbytery of Mangum,

and Rev. Turney B. Roddy of the Presbytery of Memphis were elected Temporary Clerks.

ASSISTANT TO THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presented Rev. Archie C. Smith, announcing that he had accepted a call from the Office of The General Assembly to serve as Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Moderator presented a report setting forth his activities during his tenure of office. It is as follows:

My dear Brethren:

The General Assembly of 1954 elected me as its Moderator about three months before the expiration of my term of service as Executive Secretary of the Board of Annuities and Relief on August 31, 1954. During this period of time, I discharged to the best of my ability the duties of the Executive Secretary and of Moderator of the General Assembly. My successor as Executive Secretary, Mr. Charles J. Currie, took over the duties of that office on September 1, 1954. When he was installed in that capacity, the Board generously allowed me to give full time to the duties of the office of Moderator. Because of this action of the Board, I have been able to serve the Church at Large more effectively as Moderator than could have been possible otherwise.

The Moderator's correspondence was necessarily heavy, but was greatly facilitated by the fact that the Board of Annuities and Relief placed a secretary at his disposal while he was in the office. For this he is deeply grateful. This correspondence, including those communications which the Moderator thought should not be answered because of the nature of them, will be filed with the Historical Foundation in Montreat, N. C.

I am deeply indebted to my brethren over the Church for the gracious hospitality and prayerful support which I have had during the year. It has not been an easy undertaking to serve as Moderator in a year during which decisions were being taken on highly controversial issues. For the service which I have been able to render our beloved Church during the year, I give thanks to God for the privilege.

The Moderator is indebted also to the efficient Stated Clerk, Dr. E. C. Scott, and his office assistants, for their valuable help in many of the details of the work.

The Moderator sent only one pastoral letter to all pastors of churches, and for its mailing he is indebted to the Office of the General Council. This letter called attention to the exact actions of the 1954 General Assembly with respect to Church Union.

The 1954 General Assembly adopted a three year program known as "Forward With Christ." As Moderator, I have done everything within my power to further the objectives set forth in this program.

As your Moderator, I participated in a television panel on the program "Frontiers of Faith" from the studios of the National Broadcasting Company in New York on June 27.

On October 15th, the Moderator opened the great Convention of Presbyterian Men in New Orleans, Louisiana, giving the Call to the Convention, and led the opening prayer.

Dr. Ralph Waldo Lloyd, Moderator of the U.S.A. General Assembly, Dr. Albert E. Kelly, Moderator of the United Presbyterian General Assembly, Rev. C. O. Williams, Moderator of the Associate Reformed Church, and I participated in a Convocation of Moderators in Atlanta, while Dr. Lloyd and I participated in another in Memphis, Tennessee.

On January 5, 1955, the opening day of the United States Congress, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. George A. Long, representing the Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, and I, assisted the pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, in leading a service of Intercession and Communion in the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. While in Washington for the service in the National Presbyterian Church, those who led the service and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the U. S. A. General Assembly, and Rev.

William H. Kepler, Moderator of Washington City Presbytery, had the privilege of calling on President Eisenhower in the Executive wing of the White House.

The Moderators of the three churches constituted a panel which was moderated by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the U. S. A. General Assembly, at the concluding service of the National Council of Presbyterian Men at the Palmer House in Chicago on March 20.

Your Moderator spoke on two occasions in the First Presbyterian Church at Birmingham, Michigan while on this trip North.

During this Moderatorial year, I have had the privilege of visiting within the bounds of 15 synods and of making formal addresses at four of them; and in 57 of our presbyteries, speaking in eight of them; and in 90 local churches. During this year I have delivered 151 sermons and addresses to various church courts, churches and church organizations. I have preached in every type of church in our General Assembly, including churches in the minority racial groups. Several of these addresses were on various types of anniversary occasions, including the dedication of church buildings and the laying of cornerstones in others. I received many other invitations from local churches which I was not able to accept because of a full schedule when the invitations came.

During the year as Moderator, I have visited and spoken in several of our Church colleges, the General Assembly's Training School, and three of our Theological Seminaries. Other invitations came, but not at times when they could be accepted.

In the discharge of the duties as Moderator, I have travelled approximately 47,510 miles, using every type of public conveyance available in our country.

This has been the year of great decisions in our Church. As you know, the General Assembly of 1954 adopted a plan of Union and sent it down to the presbyteries for their advice and consent. The Moderator felt a moral obligation to advocate the actions of that General Assembly, and did the best he could to give a proper accounting of his stewardship.

During the year I have served as a member of the Committee on Cooperation and Union and also of the General Council.

The expenses of the Moderator's office, for the most part, have been met by generous contributions from organizations and groups before which he has spoken during the year. Where these contributions have been insufficient to meet these obligations, they have been taken care of by the treasurer of the General Assembly. It is interesting to learn that the total amount paid by the office of the General Assembly has been $323.89.

On May 19, 1955, your Moderator served as fraternal delegate to the U. S. A. General Assembly which met in Los Angeles, Calif., and in that capacity took greetings and expressions of Christian love to that great body of Presbyterian brethren.

As he has travelled throughout the South during the year in the discharge of his duties, your Moderator has had impressed upon his mind anew the radical changes which are currently taking place. He also has had deepened the conviction that the Church should be diligently exercising her function in seeing that the changes which are being made bear the impress of Christ. Faith, zeal and courage are demanded of her at this hour, if she is going to leave to the oncoming generation that precious heritage of truth which she has from Him whose we are and whom we seek to serve.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented the following Communications which were disposed of as indicated:

To the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly

1. From First National Bank of Atlanta, presenting resolution to be adopted authorizing Rev. Archie C. Smith to sign checks.
2. From Trustees of General Assembly submitting resolution to be adopted in connection with will of Dr. Calvin T. Young, Plant City, Florida.

To the Standing Committee on the General Council

From the Division of Christian Relations requesting the month of July as a season of emphasis for Christian Citizenship.

To the Standing Committee on World Missions

From the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea setting forth the history and nature of the issues leading to the division which now exists in the ranks of Presbyterianism in Korea.

To the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations

1. From Samuel McRea Cavert, Secretary in the U. S. for the World Council of Churches announcing an "appeal" to civil and ecclesiastical authorities issued by the World Council of Churches.
2. The annual report of the World Presbyterian Alliance.

To the Standing Committee on Christian Relations

1. A copy of Resolutions to the General Assembly from the Council on Christian Relations, which is a supplemental report.
2. A copy of a Resolution from the Presbytery of Meridian deploring the action of the 1954 Assembly in its recommendation concerning segregation.

OVERTURES

The Stated Clerk presented the following overtures which were referred as indicated:

To the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, 1-8, 49, 50, 56-58, 69, 77.

Replies are found on pages 50, 51.

(1) WHEREAS it is becoming the practice of many presbyteries to ordain seminary graduates who have not a call to a definite work, and

WHEREAS this makes for confusion and places those presbyteries who follow without deviation paragraph 105, Book of Church Order, under a certain amount of criticism, now therefore, the Presbytery of Roanoke respectfully overtures the General Assembly to clarify this situation by rewriting paragraph 105.

(2) The Presbytery of Dallas, respectfully overtures the 95th General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS many graduates of our seminaries have, upon their graduation, desired to continue their studies for a fuller service in the gospel ministry, and

WHEREAS they have requested their presbyteries of jurisdiction to give them ordination in order to enhance their opportunities to serve the Church, and

WHEREAS many presbyteries have been sympathetic with these requests, and for a period of years have been ordaining men going directly from our seminaries for additional graduate studies, and

WHEREAS our Standards in the *Book of Church Order* in paragraphs 100, 103, 104, 105, 125 and 137 set forth these requirements of a call to some definite work as a prerequisite for ordination, and this call uniformly proceeds from some source other than the candidate's or licentiate's own inner conviction, thus expressing "the manifest approbation of God's own people," and

WHEREAS it thus appears that within our Church our practice is at variance with our Standards in this matter, and thus creates a situation where, in the desire to help choice men in their fuller preparation for effective service, we violate our Standards by our negligence of their clear word, and

WHEREAS the disregard of this phase of our Doctrine of Vocation may, in time, have the unhappy effect of ordaining men to other offices in the Church without "the manifest approbation of God's people," thus harming the inherent right of the congregation to elect their own officers,

WE THEREFORE OVERTURE the General Assembly to instruct the Judicial Committee to prepare and present to the 1956 Assembly such amendments to our *Book of Church Order* as will resolve the matter of ordaining candidates and licentiates pursuing their studies immediately upon graduation from seminary without "the manifest approbation of God's people," in such a way that, if possible, we shall remain true to the provisions of our Constitution and still be allowed the privilege in these extra-

ordinary cases of extending such aid to qualified young men through ordination in such cases where presbyteries may deem it desirable.

(3) WHEREAS, for a long time many churches throughout the Assembly have made it a practice to serve Communion to shut-ins who cannot attend the regular services at the church by having the minister and one or more elders serve the Communion in the private homes of such persons; and

WHEREAS, this practice is not authorized in the Directory of Worship; and

WHEREAS, this practice is not in accord with the explicit directions given in the Confession of Faith, chapter XXIX; and

WHEREAS, the Lord's Supper is desired in the armed forces and other places of assembly outside organized congregational life;

Be it resolved that the Presbytery of Nashville overture the General Assembly to bring the requirements in our standards in line with such established and desirable practice:

I

That two paragraphs be added to the Book of Church Order, as follows:

365-A The Ordinance should, ordinarily, be administered in the stated place of worship. In case of sickness or long continued inability to attend public services, Communion may be administered privately according to judgment of the minister, with the approval of the Session. Under all ordinary circumstances, the minister should be accompanied by at least one ruling elder. Chaplains ministering to the armed forces shall have the authority to administer the sacraments to such forces on behalf of the whole Church, even in the absence of ruling elders.

365-B When the celebration of the Lord's Supper is desired in public gatherings outside the organized congregational life, the sacrament shall ordinarily be administered with the authority of the appropriate judicatory.

II

That Chapter XXIX of the Confession of Faith be amended by deleting the last phrase of paragraph III, namely, "but to none who are not then present in the congregation."

(4)-(7) The Presbyteries of Central Texas, El Paso, Mid-Texas and Western Texas respectfully overture the General Assembly to amend Paragraph 80 of the Book of Church Order to read as follows:

The Synod consists of all the Ministers and one Ruling Elder from each church in a district comprising at least three Presbyteries, except that a church whose membership exceeds 1,000 shall be represented by an additional Ruling Elder for each additional 1,000 or major fraction thereof. The qualifications for membership in the Synod and the Presbytery are the same.

(8) WHEREAS the Synod of Mississippi held a called meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, on Feb. 19, 1954; and

WHEREAS the Moderator of the Synod being absent, the Synod of Mississippi proceeded to elect and did elect a Moderator who presided over this meeting of the Synod; and

WHEREAS the Book of Church Order, paragraph 53, says: "The Moderator of Synod shall be chosen at each *stated* meeting of the court";

Therefore the Presbytery of Meridian respectfully overtures the General Assembly, through its Judicial Committee, to clarify the following points:

1. Did the Synod of Mississippi violate the Book of Church Order, paragraph 53, in electing a Moderator at a called meeting?

2. If the Book of Church Order was violated, are actions taken at such a meeting valid?

(49) The Presbytery of Florida respectfully requests the General Assembly to determine if it is legal for a presbytery to elect a ruling elder as Moderator who has not been officially sent to the electing session of the court by the session of his local church.

(50) The Presbytery of Harmony respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

That the General Assembly request the Moderator of the General Assembly not to use that office, the prestige or the influence of that office, or the person holding the office of Moderator of the General Assembly, to promote any controversial issue within the Church.

That the Moderator be requested not to tour the church, or make speaking engagements either at his own expense or that of the Church, to promote or discuss controversial questions within the Church.

(56) WHEREAS, Section 4 of paragraph 96 in the Book of Church Order allows, under certain circumstances, the Commission on the Minister and His Work of a Presbytery to assume original jurisdiction over the session of a church without the express permission of the presbytery; and

WHEREAS, this provision tends to allow a condition within presbyteries which may conceivably cause friction and misunderstanding within presbytery relationships;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Louisiana respectfully overtures the General Assembly to change the constitution of the Church so as to require the concurrence of the presbytery whenever a Commission on the Minister and His Work assumes the full authority of presbytery, by changing the last sentence of section 4, paragraph 96 to read as follows:

> "It may act to correct these difficulties with the full power of Presbytery when such power is specifically granted by Presbytery on its own initiative or when such power is specifically granted by Presbytery at the request of both parties concerned."

(57) The Presbytery of Suwannee respectfully overtures the General Assembly to consider the relation of assistant pastors to the churches to which they have been called by the session. The Presbytery of Suwannee believes that assistant ministers ought to have the opportunity to share in the vital work of a church session, with authority to express their opinions by an actual vote. We, therefore, overture the General Assembly to change the Book of Church Order, Form of Government, Chapter XIV, which now reads: "The Session consists of the pastor, or pastors, if there be any, and the ruling elders of the Church," to read, "The Session consists of the pastor, or pastors, and assistant pastors, if there be any, and the ruling elders of the Church."

(58) The Presbytery of Suwannee respectfully overtures the General Assembly to give an *in thesi* deliverance on the question of women speaking in church courts—to the end that discussion on such subject be brought to an end and that all resolutions now before the General Assembly be held in abeyance until this *in thesi* deliverance be made.

(69) The Presbytery of Granville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take the proper and necessary steps to amend The Book of Church Order to provide for the eligibility of women to hold the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon in the congregations of the Presbyterian Churches in the United States on a permissive basis.

(77) The Presbytery of Enoree respectfully overtures the General Assembly to amend section 316 of the Book of Church Order by striking out the word "decent" in line two of said paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the word "quiet," so that said section when amended will read as follows:

> "Let the people, upon entering the church, take their seats in a quiet, grave and reverent manner and engage in a silent prayer for a blessing upon themselves, their minister, and all present, as well as those who are detained from the house of God."

To the Standing Committee on Judicial Business, 9-14, 52, 62-64, 70

Replies are found on page 53.

(9) The Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly to commit for restudy the task and function of the Director of Christian Education in the Church's program.

(10) The Presbytery of Red River overtures the General Assembly to recommit the matter of the Director of Christian Education to a committee for further study.

(11) The Presbytery of Mississippi respectfully overtures the General Assembly to request the Board of Christian Education to recommend some other means of recognizing the professional training of Directors of Christian Education.

(12) The Presbytery of Enoree respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct its Board of Education that in case the proposed new chapter in the Book of Church Order on the Office of the Director of Christian Education fails to receive the necessary majority, the Board continue its effort to prepare an amendment to the Book of Church Order dealing with the Director of Christian Education.

It is the desire of this Presbytery that the additional chaper be one which will magnify the office of the Director of Christian Education and standardize the method of certification; but one which would be less open to misinterpretation and more unreservedly acceptable to the Directors of Christian Education in our Church.

(13) The Presbytery of Charleston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to request the proper committee to make a further study of the question of standards for and recognition of Directors of Christian Education, if the proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order dealing with this matter is answered in the negative.

(14) The Presbytery of Central Texas, desiring to stabilize the positions held by educational workers in the church, and to clarify their status, but believing that the proposed chapter to the Book of Church Order entitled "The Director of Christian Education" is inadequate, overtures the General Assembly to appoint, on its own initiative, an ad interim committee representative of the whole church to study the matter and formulate a new proposal.

(52) The Presbytery of Orange respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to study the whole matter of the professional education of lay leaders in Christian Education in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, this committee to report to the General Assembly in 1956.

Further, we suggest that on this committee the following be represented.

1. The Seminaries.
2. General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers.
3. The Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
4. The Directors of Christian Education Association the General Assembly.
5. The church-related colleges of the Assembly that are offering a degree in Bible and Christian Education on the B.A. Level.
6. The Regional Directors of Christian Education.
7. The Church at large.

We further recommend that the following questions be included in the study:

1. What is being done on every level in our Church in the training of professional lay leaders in Christian Education, and an evaluation of their work.
2. Standards for this training on both the college and graduate level.
3. The relationships between the seminaries, Assembly's Training School, and the church-related colleges in this matter.
4. The certification of professionally trained lay leadership.
5. Any other matters pertaining to the professional training of lay leaders in the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Finally, we recommend that the expenses of this committee be borne by the General Assembly.

(62) The Presbytery of Lafayette respectfully overtures the General Assembly to refer the proposed new chapter for the Book of Church Order entitled, "The Director of Christian Education," again to the Board of Christian Education for revision and clarification.

(63) The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to study the whole question of commissioning church workers and to report back to the 1956 Assembly. Such an ad interim committee is to be instructed to consider specifically the different categories of service to be included (choir directors, ministers of music and organists are omitted from the Amendment as it now stands, although there is an increasing number in these categories who have had expensive and extensive professional training); the standards of training on both the college and the graduate levels; the kind of certification that should be provided; etc.

(64) The Presbytery of Western Texas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to approve and submit to the presbyteries for their advice and consent amendments to the Book of Church Order to read as follows:

112-A. The provisions of Chapter XXII, Book of Church Order, relating to candidates for the Gospel ministry are also applicable to candidates for other full-time Christian vocations, this to include, but not limited to, directors of Christian education; directors of church music in a particular church or church related institution; Bible teachers in the public schools; administrators and/or teachers in week-day church schools; unordained foreign missionaries; or any other form of full-time Christian service to which a man or woman may feel called of God, and desire the supervision of a presbytery in training therefor.

115-A. Presbytery may hold a service of consecration for the setting apart and commissioning of candidates for full-time Christian vocations, other than candidates for the Gospel ministry.

(70) In response to Amendment 4, Amendment to become a new Chapter in Book of Church Order, in the series last sent down to the presbyteries, the Presbytery of Greenbrier certifies that presbytery heartily approves the idea of certification and supervision of Christian Education workers, and that presbytery overtures the General Assembly to prepare and send down to the presbyteries a new plan for the certification and approval of Christian Education workers.

To the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, 15-21, 59, 76.

Replies are found on page 66.

(15) The Presbytery of Florida respectfully overtures the General Assembly to restore the former church year, April 1-March 31.

(16) WHEREAS the changing of the church year has made it necessary for the churches to begin the preparation of their budgets by September at the latest, and

WHEREAS the General Assembly must approve the budget before the budgets of synods and presbyteries can be prepared, and

WHEREAS the present time of meeting of the General Assembly does not allow sufficient time for synods and presbyteries to meet and approve their budgets before the month of July when many members are involved with their summer conferences and vacations, and

WHEREAS the success of the Church's program is dependent upon the proper preparation and promotion of the budgets of the presbyteries,

The Presbytery of Memphis respectfully overtures the General Assembly to hold its annual meeting not later than the last week in April, beginning with the 1956 General Assembly.

(17) The Presbytery of Nashville overtures the General Assembly to change the date of the meeting of the General Assembly to an earlier time, preferably the last week of April or the first week in May, to give Stewardship Committees in synods and presbyteries ample time to formulate their budgets and develop their programs for the fall meetings of presbyteries.

(18) The Synod of Oklahoma respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS our church year has been changed to conform with the calendar year; and

WHEREAS presbyteries, synods, synodicals and other church groups have had to readjust their time of meeting to conform with this change in the church year:

Be it resolved therefore, that the Synod of Oklahoma respectfully overtures the General Assembly to follow the same course and conform with other courts of the church in adjusting its time of meeting.

(19) The Presbytery of New Orleans respectfully overtures the General Assembly to change line 20 of the Session's Annual Statistical Report to read "report only the expenditures for building expense;" for the following reasons: (1) this would then make this line correspond with every other item of the report, all of which give expenditures; (2) this change would then give a true total of all expenditures, as receipts and expenditures cannot be added.

(20) The Presbytery of Potomac overtures the Assembly to rearrange the statistics shown in the Statistical Report of the churches, with the suggestion that it follow the plan set up in the U.S.A. Assembly, where the "additions" and "losses" are clearly indicated.

(21) The Presbytery of Florida respectfully overtures the General Assembly to restore the column on salaries of ministers and other agents of the Church in the statistical report.

(59) The Presbytery of Columbia respectfully overtures the General Assembly to set its annual meetings as early as the first week in May, to allow time to set up the Stewardship Program for presbyteries and synods.

(76) The Presbytery of Westminster respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the Stated Clerk to insert in the chart of statistics for the various Presbyteries an additional column indicating the number of members placed on the inactive roll each year.

This will encourage churches to keep an up-to-date roll and give a more adequate picture of the total active membership of our churches.

To the Standing Committee on the General Council, 22

Reply is found on pages 62, 63.

(22) Acknowledging with gratitude the careful and detailed financial reports of prior expenditures furnished by the Assembly Agencies to the Church in their annual reports to the General Assembly, and believing that a similar procedure with regard to asking budgets would aid synods, presbyteries and, particularly, local churches in understanding and raising the needed benevolent funds,

The Presbytery of Brazos respectfully overtures the General Assembly to order its General Council to print in its annual report a detailed itemization of the total figures approved as the "asking budget" of each agency of the General Assembly rather than printing lump sum figures whose totals together form the Assembly's budget which is then forwarded to the synods.

To the Standing Committee on Church Extension, 71.

Reply is found on page 75.

(71) WHEREAS, Hanover Presbytery was organized in December, 1755, and

WHEREAS, this date can be taken as the beginning of organized Presbyterianism in the South, and

WHEREAS, the film, *Heritage*, summing up some of the high points of the history of Presbyterianism in the South, has been produced in part in the celebration of this event under the auspices of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, and with the aid and advice of East Hanover Presbytery, The Synod of Virginia, the Board of World Missions, the Board of Church Extension, the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Women's Work, and the General Council, and

WHEREAS, the premiere of this film is being shown at the meeting of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, East Hanover Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to commend this film to its churches, and urge that it be used widely through the Church this year and next, in order that the Church of today may gather inspiration for the future from its heritage of the past.

To the Standing Committee on Christian Education, 65.

Reply is found on page 81.

(65) The Presbytery of Guerrant respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

In the light of Montreat College's continual request for special financial considerations from the General Assembly;

Be it resolved:

That equal financial consideration be given to each of the other educational institutions in our General Assembly that is undertaking to provide for the needs of similar deserving students, especially where these educational institutions have already won accreditation.

To the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief, 53

Reply is found on page 56.

(53) WHEREAS, our Commission on the Minister and His Work has called to our

attention that Annuity Fund payments to ministers retired under the compulsory clause are suspended when such ministers are employed for a period longer than three months, and at the same time the 10% contribution to the Fund is required; and

WHEREAS, the Fund was not planned or set up as a relief fund, but as a sound Annuity Fund to which contributors belong as investors on the basis of termination of payments at age of compulsory retirement with payments from the Fund to be made not on the basis of need, but on the basis of investment in the Fund;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the General Assembly to direct the Board of Annuities and Relief to arrange:

(1) Payment of the annuity to all members of the Fund who have been retired under the compulsory clause even though they may be employed by churches or others.

(2) That payments to the Fund shall not be expected on salary paid or received after retirement under the compulsory clause.

To the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations, 23-42, 51, 54, 55, 61, 66, 72-75.

Replies are found on page 69.

(23) The Presbytery of Brazos respectfully overtures the General Assembly to continue the Committee on Cooperation and Union.

(24) The Presbytery of El Paso respectfully overtures the General Assembly to continue its Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union.

(25) The Presbytery of New Orleans respectfully overtures the General Assembly that the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union be continued, that it be commended for its untiring and consecrated efforts, and that it be instructed to explore further all possible avenues of cooperation, fellowship and acquaintance with all Presbyterian bodies.

(26) The Presbytery of El Paso respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct its committee on Cooperation and Union to continue negotiations with similar committees of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and to enter negotiations with similar committees of any other Presbyterian Bodies within the United States of America and belonging to the World Presbyterian Alliance.

(27) The Presbytery of Dallas overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS the Presbyterian Church in the United States has in its General Assembly of 1954 voted favorably on the proposed union of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the United Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. to form the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and

WHEREAS the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. have voted on this proposed union by the vote as shown in the records of the Stated Clerk, and

WHEREAS we have come nearer in the Providence of God toward realizing our unity in Christ as one church than we have at any time in the last 94 years, and

WHEREAS our brethren in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and in the United Presbyterian Church give evidence of great patience and forbearance with the difficulties we have in wrestling with this great issue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we instruct our Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union to convey to our brethren of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church our thanksgiving that we have come this far and our desire to continue to search for a suitable means of proving that no barrier between Presbyterians is too great for Christ to overcome, and

That we instruct our Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union in consultation with our General Council and with the Board of Church Extension and the Board of World Missions to lead us in every fruitful means of uniting our efforts with those of our U.S.A. and U.P. brethren in the fields of our domestic and foreign mission.

(28) The Presbytery of El Paso respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct its Boards and Agencies to cooperate to the utmost with similar Boards and Agencies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, looking toward the consolidation of such Boards and Agencies at the earliest possible date.

(29) The Presbytery of Mid-Texas expresses its profound sorrow and regret that

reunion of the Presbyterian family in America, while favored by a majority of our people, has failed to command the necessary constitutional approval of the constituent presbyteries.

However, believing that nothing is settled until it is settled rightly, and since we firmly hold that reunion is not defeated but only delayed, therefore the Presbytery of Mid-Texas respectfully overtures the 1955 General Assembly as follows:

1. That the General Assembly offer its Christian apologies to the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for statements and writings inpugning the Christian integrity and loyalty of that great Church, its ministers and people, made and published by communicants of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

2. That the General Assembly continue its Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union with instructions to pursue its task until the Presbyterian family in America is one.

3. That the General Assembly resubmit the Plan of Union to its constituent presbyteries in 1955.

4. That the General Assembly order the Boards of the Assembly to merge forthwith with the corresponding Boards of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church.

(30) The Presbytery of Florida respectfully overtures the General Assembly to discontinue the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union.

(31) The Presbytery of Pee Dee respectfully overtures the General Assembly to abolish the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union.

(32) The Presbytery of Concord requests the General Assembly to dissolve the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

This overture does not in any sense imply that the Presbytery of Concord is unwilling to practice cooperation with other Presbyterian bodies.

The following asked that their names be recorded as voting against the overture:

L. F. Cowan, R. R. Collins, J. H. Carter, L. B. Metts, E. V. Wiley, W. H. Styles, Earl F. Thompson, Earl C. Downey, R. F. Kepler, H. Reid Newland, John W. Foster, A. B. McClure, M. B. Faust, Milos Strupl, W. E. Lytch, W. P. Robertson, Fred R. Stair, Jr., S. A. Gates, C. A. McDonald, L. V. McPherson, Sam W. Newell, Jr., J. M. Murchison, John D. Beard, F. Gwyn Harper and M. W. Robinson.

(33) The Presbytery of Holston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to discontinue the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union, and that this committee be thanked for its competent and faithful work, and be commended for its diligence in presenting this matter to the Church.

(34) Believing that our Church would profit by a long period of freedom from agitation of the question of union with other Presbyterian Churches, and that our full powers should be centered upon proclaiming the redemptive message through faith in Jesus Christ, the Presbytery of Knoxville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to dissolve the General Assembly's Committee on Cooperation and Union.

(35) In the event that the proposed Church Union fails of the necessary vote of three-fourths of the presbyteries, and with the conviction that our Church greatly needs rest from the agitation that for several years has been divisive in the life of the Church and detrimental to its work, the Presbytery of West Hanover respectfully overtures the General Assembly of 1955 to discharge with thanks its Committee on Cooperation and Union.

(36) WHEREAS, the matter of Church Union has been before our Church for many years, and

WHEREAS, much of the energy of many of our ministers and elders and much money and time have been spent, both by the proponents and the opponents of union, and

WHEREAS, the result has been much disunity within the ranks of our Church;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Asheville overtures the 1955 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., to drop all plans for union at this time and dismiss the Committee on union.

(37) The Presbytery of Charleston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to

dismiss the Committee on Cooperation and Union with commendation for their efforts and labors, and that all negotiations looking toward Union cease with all accompanying discussions of it.

(38) The Presbytery of Bethel respectfully, but earnestly, overtures the General Assembly to dissolve the Committee on Cooperation and Union and to declare a moratorium for a period of ten years on official discussions and agitation of this controversial matter, and that the General Assembly advise the lower courts and the membership of the Church generally to prayerfully seek to allay the feeling of bitterness that has arisen during the recent controversy, and to "Go Forward with Christ" in the vital work of the Kingdom to which we have been called.

(39) WHEREAS it is now apparent that the Plan of Union with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church, N.A. has failed to obtain the approval of a sufficient number of presbyteries and cannot become effective; and

WHEREAS our Church is now embarking upon a great spiritual adventure, the "Forward with Christ" program, which program will challenge our best efforts and call for our undivided strength, our united prayers, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Enoree does respectfully overture the General Assembly to

1. Direct that all its boards, committees and agencies cease all negotiations looking toward union with other churches.

2. Direct that all its boards, committees, officers, agencies and publications cease to agitate the question of church union.

3. Forbid any of its boards, committees, officers or agencies to expend funds of the Church to argue either for or against the question of union with other churches.

4. Recommend to succeeding General Assemblies that this moratorium on organic Union with other denominations continue in effect for the space of five years from May 1, 1955.

To the end that our beloved Church may return to its primary tasks and give itself unitedly to the great work immediately before us.

(40) The Presbytery of Augusta-Macon respectfully overtures the 1955 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. to change the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union to a Permanent Committee on Cooperation only.

(41) The Presbytery of Congaree adopted the following overture and ordered it sent to General Assembly:

WHEREAS it has become increasingly evident that the members and officers of our Church do not desire union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and

WHEREAS the Assembly's Committee on cooperation and union as now constituted and empowered is a divisive instead of a unifying force, and

WHEREAS continued agitation for this union can only result in more bitterness and strife and a greater disruption of the work of our Church, and

WHEREAS the work for which this committee was formed has been completed as has been shown by the voice of our people, and

We do therefore overture the General Assembly to dissolve its Committee on Cooperation and Union and to form as soon as practical a Committee on Cooperation.

(42) WHEREAS the question of Church Union has been before our denomination for the last seventeen years; and

WHEREAS a substantially larger number of presbyteries than the required constitutional minimum have voted against union; and

WHEREAS a new approach to our relations with other Presbyterian denominations will be helpful;

THEREFORE the Presbytery of Atlanta respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take the following actions:

(1) To dissolve the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union as at present constituted, and to express the appreciation of the General Assembly to the existing permanent Committee for its diligent work in preparing Plans of Union.

(2) To create a Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Comity, which will be

charged with all problems of inter-church relations, more specifically to consider and make reports concerning—

a. Ways and means for working with other Presbyterian denominations in the many fields of common efforts.
b. The American Bible Society.
c. Reformation Day.
d. National Council of Churches of Christ.
e. North American Area, World Presbyterian Alliance.
f. World Council of Churches.
g. Religion in American Life.
h. Lord's Day Alliance.

(3) To request that the synods name to the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Comity one representative each, with an alternate, that the Board of Women's Work name one representative, and that the current Moderator of the General Assembly serve *ex officio*.

(4) To ask that the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly arrange for staggering the terms of the various members, whose ordinary term of service will be three years, with not more than one re-election, and that the Moderator serve as convener of the new committee, but not as its permanent Chairman.

(51) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Harmony has voted against the proposed Plan of Union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church, and

WHEREAS, more than the required number of presbyteries necessary to defeat the Plan of Union have voted against it, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the members of our Church desire that all agitation for Union be stopped, in order that all of the members of our Church might devote their full time, energies and gifts to the main work and programs of the Church, and

WHEREAS, The Permanent Boards and Agencies of our Church are more able to cooperate with the same Boards and Agencies of other denominations in their particular work, than any special committee—Therefore

THE PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY respectfully overtures the General Assembly to dissolve completely the present Committee on Cooperation and Union; and to assign any permanent duties that this Committee might have, to the regular Boards and Agencies of our Church.

(54) Now that the decision on Church Union has been rendered by the Presbyteries, and in view of the fact that the General Assembly has been challenged with the three year "Forward With Christ Program" the Presbytery of St. Johns respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

(1) That a moratorium be declared on the question of Church Union with other bodies, at least during the time of our "Forward With Christ Program."

(2) That differing personal convictions on this question of Church Union be subordinated to our three year program, "Forward With Christ," and that our energies, monies and united efforts be devoted to this cause.

(3) That the result of the vote on Church Union be accepted in the spirit of humility, with all absence of pride, and a rededication of ourselves to the primary work of the Church—Evangelism—with continued loyalty to the Scriptures and Standards of the Church.

(55) The Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

(1) That the Assembly express its appreciation to the existing Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union for its diligent work in preparing Plans of Union, and that the Assembly dissolve the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union as at present constituted.

(2) To create a Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Comity, which will be charged with all problems of interchurch relations, more specifically to consider and make reports concerning—

(a) Ways and means for working with other Presbyterian denominations in the many fields of common efforts,
(b) The American Bible Society,
(c) Reformation Day,
(d) National Council of Churches of Christ,
(e) North American Area, World Presbyterian Alliance,
(f) World Council of Churches,
(g) Religion in American Life,
(h) Lord's Day Alliance.

(3) To request that the Synods name one representative each, with an alternate, that the Board of Women's Work name one representative, and that the current Moderator of the General Assembly serve ex-officio.

(4) To ask that the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly arrange for staggering the terms of the various members, whose ordinary term of service will be three years, with not more than one re-election, and that the Moderator serve as convenor of the new Committee, but not as its permanent Chairman.

(61) The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully overtures the General Assembly to discontinue the Committee on Co-operation and Union, and to assign any permanent duties that this Committee might have to the Committee on Inter-church Relations.

(66) The Presbytery of Guerrant respectfully overtures the General Assembly:

WHEREAS, the recent vote by presbyteries in our Church has defeated the present Plan of Union, yet has in no wise abrogated our Lord's desires that we be one;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the General Assembly express its deep sorrow over those aspects of the past debate which were out of accord with the highest Christian principles, and with the declared will of the Assembly;

And that the Assembly once again affirm its desire that we as Presbyterians might continue to draw closer in the bonds of our common heritage and Christian concern;

Looking to the day when our Lord's prayer for us shall be realized, and we shall indeed be one.

(72) WHEREAS, it is the earnest desire and prayer of a great majority of the members of the Presbyterian Church U.S. that the controversies among us during the past years should cease, and that the wounds incident thereto be healed, so that the plans and programs of our Assembly be not impeded thereby, and

WHEREAS, it is the firm conviction of thousands of us that the approaching Assembly will have the power to cause all agitation for organic union to cease, and will thus hold the key to the door of peace, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa respectfully overture the General Aseembly to dissolve completely the present Committee on Cooperation and Union, and to assign any duties that might devolve on this Committee to the regular Boards and Agencies of our Church, which are adequate to handle all matters arising between our Assembly and other Presbyterian bodies.

(73) WHEREAS, East Mississippi Presbytery has voted against the proposed Plan of Union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and

WHEREAS, more than the required number of presbyteries necessary to defeat the plan of union have voted against it, and

WHEREAS, the Permanent Boards and Agencies of our Church are more able to cooperate with the same Boards and Agencies of other denominations in their particular work than any special committee,

The Presbytery of East Mississippi respectfully overtures the General Assembly to dissolve completely the present committee on Cooperation and Union and to assign any permanent duties that this committee might have to the regular Boards and Agencies of he Church.

(74) The Presbytery of Mississippi respectfully overtures the General Assembly to dissolve completely the present Committee on Cooperation and Union and to assign

any permanent duties that this committee might have to the regular Boards and Agencies of our Church.

(75) WHEREAS, the proposed plan of union has been defeated by more than the required number of presbyteries, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the majority of the members of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. want all agitation for union stopped in order that all efforts can be directed to the work and programs of the Church, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Permanent Boards and Agencies of our Church are more able to cooperate with the same Boards and Agencies of other denominations in their particular work than any special committee;

The Presbytery of Piedmont respectfully overtures the General Assembly to dissolve COMPLETELY the present Committee on Cooperation and Union and to assign any duties that might be assigned to this Committee to the regular Boards and Agencies of our Church.

To the Standing Committee on Christian Relations, 44-48, 60.

Replies are found on pages 78, 79.

(44) The Presbytery of Meridian respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the agencies of our Church to refrain from publishing articles pro or con regarding the abolition of segregation of the races.

(45) The Presbytery of Lexington respectfully overtures the General Assembly to reiterate the recommendation to the Board of Directors of Mountain Retreat Association: That the principles and recommendations embodied in the Report on "The Church and Segregation," approved by the 1954 General Assembly (see General Assembly Minutes pp 55, 187-198) should be applied without discrimination in the entertainment at Montreat (a) of commissioners to the General Assembly, and (b) of all official delegates to church gatherings and conferences.

(46) The Presbytery of Lexington respectfully overtures the General Assembly: To go on record as opposing: (a) beer and liquor advertising on radio and television, and in newspapers and magazines; (b) the type of program presented on radio and television which exalts the criminal as hero; and (c) the publishing and distribution of horror-sex-crime stories and pictures in so-called comic books.

(47) Inasmuch as the Division of Christian Relations, Board of Church Extension, has assumed the roll of attempting to direct the conscience of members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in social and political matters;

And inasmuch as we do not believe that an individual or committee have the right to project their social and political views at the expense of those who differ from them;

And inasmuch as this Division of Christian Relations has used funds of the Church given by people with varying social and political views to support their particular views in such matters, and have used their offices to promote the passing of their views by the General Assembly;

And inasmuch as they have used their offices to promote unscriptural views with regard to divorce and remarriage, these views as promoted being contrary to the plain teachings of the Confession of Faith;

And inasmuch as the present method of nominating members to the Division of Christian Relations makes them in part a self-perpetuating body, and gives them opportunity to influence the policies of other agencies of the Church;

And inasmuch as their activities have already created discord in our Church, and diverted attention from the primary task of the Church, even to the weakening of our Negro Work's support;

Therefore, the Presbytery of Meridian respectfully overtures the General Assembly to abolish the Division of Christian Relations of the Board of Church Extension.

(48) WHEREAS: The Ninety-fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States adopted the report of the Council of Christian Relations, entitled THE CHURCH AND SEGREGATION, which included the following recommendations:

"1. That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics and that the Church in its relationship to cultural patterns should lead rather than follow."

"2. That the General Assembly, therefore, submit this report for careful study throughout the Church, and that it especially urge: (1) That the trustees of higher educational institutions belonging to the General Assembly adopt a policy of opening the doors of these institutions to all races. (2) That the synods consider earnestly the adoption of similar recommendations to trustees of institutions under their control. (3) That the governing bodies of various conferences held throughout the Church consider the adoption of a similar policy. (4) That the sessions of the local churches admit persons to membership and fellowship in the local church on the scriptural basis of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ without reference to race. (5) That in this time of crisis and concern, we commend to all individuals in our communion and especially to all leaders of our churches the earnest cultivation and practice of the Christian graces of forbearance, patience, humility and persistent good will"; and

WHEREAS: The Assembly in the same connection, received and recommended for study throughout the Church a long and detailed discussion relating to the same matter entitled, "*A Statement to Southern Christians*," which concluded with the following recommendation: "1. Having in mind the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States concerning segregation, the Assembly commends the principle of the decision, and urges the members of our churches to consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the complete solution of the problem involved. It also urges that all our people lend their assistance to those charged with the duty of implementing the decision, and to remember that appeals to racial prejudice will not help but hinder the accomplishment of this aim";

WHEREAS: The report of the Council on Christian Relations obviously represents an *ex parte* and partial discussion of this vitally important question, and fails to take into account some of the most pertinent facts which underlie the long-established policy of our Church and the profound convictions of millions of thoughtful and fairminded Christians in the South; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Synod of Mississippi as follows:

1. The Synod of Mississippi, having given careful consideration to the report of the Council on Christian Relations and to the recommendations contained therein which were adopted by the General Assembly, cannot, in good conscience and for reasons which are hereinafter set forth, comply with the recommendations in respect to institutions under its control, with respect to the various conferences sponsored by the Synod, nor can it place the stamp of its approval upon recommendation that sessions of constituent churches of this Synod admit persons to membership and fellowship without reference to race.

2. The Synod of Mississippi, assuming that it is the inherent prerogative and duty of the lower courts of the Church to point out serious errors of judgment which may have been made by the General Assembly and to propose proper measures for their correction, hereby adopts and submits to the Assembly two overtures designated as Overtures 1 and 2.

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For reasons which are hereinafter set forth the Synod of Mississippi respectfully protests against the action of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly in receiving and adopting that section of the report of the Council on Christian Relations entitled, The Church and Segregation with its recommendations, as recorded in the 1954 Minutes of the Assembly, pages 53-54, and in the Appendix pages 187-197, and overtures the Ninety-fifth General Assembly to reconsider and rescind such action, for the following reasons:

(1) With all due deference to the wisdom of the General Assembly there is specific constitutional warrant for assuming that it may have erred: The Confession of Faith, Ch. XXXI, Sec. III, states, "All synods or councils since the days of the apostles' time, whether general or particular, may err, and many times have erred; therefore they are not to be made the rule of faith or practice, but are to be used as helps in both."

(2) The matter of segregation of the races is, and for a long time has been and doubtless for a long time to come will continue to be, a highly controversial political issue. The recent revolutionary decision of the United States Supreme Court has not settled the issue, but has only served to precipitate a violent conflict between the states and the federal authorities, and has raised many serious and complex problems which

must be dealt with by legislation, administration and further litigation in the civil courts.

Even though there are moral and ethical considerations involved, as there are in all human relations, nevertheless the action of the General Assembly and its agencies in undertaking to deal with this question authoritatively, and to make deliverances concerning it which are obviously intended to bind the consciences of members of the lower courts and congregations, would seem to be in plain violation of these distinctive and important provisions of the Constitution of the Church found in the Confession of Faith, Ch. XXXI, Sec. IV,: "Synods and Councils are to handle and conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical; and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth"; and also in the Book of Church Order, Ch. XIII, par. 57, "These assemblies are altogether distinct from the civil magistracy, nor have they any jurisdiction in political or civil affairs . . . "; and par. 58, "They can make no law binding the conscience . . ."

(3) The action of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly and the Council of Christian Relations in assuming jurisdiction and in dealing with this matter is in striking contrast to the attitude of our Lord, the great Head of the Church, when efforts were made to persuade Him to intervene in controversial matters which were essentially political, economic or social, and to render decisions concerning the points at issue.

Instances which might be cited are (a) the question brought Him by the Pharisees and Herodians concerning the payment of tribute to Caesar (Matt. 22:16), which our Lord answered by laying down the broad principle that the duties of citizenship as distinct from the duties to God are to be determined by the individual conscience in the light of reason and common sense; (b) or the appeal of the man who said to Him, "Master speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me," to which our Lord replied, "Man who made me a judge or divider over you?" (Luke 12: 13-14); (c) or the case of the woman taken in adultery who was brought to him by the Scribes and Pharisees with the request that He decide whether the law of Moses which provided the penalty of stoning in such cases should be executed, and to which our Lord responded by declining to sit in judgment, or to condemn the woman, but bade her go and sin no more" (John 8:3-11).

It is evident that in each of these cases which involved the interpretation or execution of civil laws, even where there were important moral and ethical questions involved, our Lord declined to accept jurisdiction, but respected the right and duty of private judgment and left the responsibility upon the consciences of those directly concerned.

It may be difficult for us to understand why our Lord imposed upon Himself such severe restraint in dealing with problems of this kind but, without being dogmatic, it seems reasonable to assume that one of His purposes may have been to set an example which would serve as a guiding and restraining influence upon His Church in the centuries to come, when the Church would be tempted to embroil herself in all manner of secular controversies, to spend her energies in humanly devised plans for the reformation of society, and thus minimize or ignore her God-given and exclusive function of preaching the Gospel to the whole world, with its power to transform human nature, upon which depends the ultimate solution of all problems of human relations, be they social, economic or political.

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Inasmuch as the Southern Presbyterian Church is being subjected to constantly increasing pressure, both from within and without the Church, to widen and intensify its activities in social welfare and related fields; and particularly in view of the progressive tendency on the part of the Council of Christian Relations to engage in activities and assume prerogatives which appear to be in direct conflict with the distinctive principles and policy of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and of which their recent report on *The Church and Segregation* is a conspicuous example; therefore,

The Synod of Mississippi respectfully overtures the Ninety-fifth General Assembly to re-define the functions of the Division of Christian Relations and the Council of Christian Relations, and to take such other steps as may be deemed necessary to insure that in the future these and similar agencies of the Church shall scrupulously respect and observe the principles set forth in the Confession of Faith, Chap. XXXI, Section IV, and in the Book of Church Order, Chap. XIII, par. 57 and 58.

A PROTEST

The Rev. A. M. Schneider, Jr., requested the privilege of making a protest for himself and others. Synod granted the request and the protest follows together with the names of those joining in the protest:

"Being convinced that neither this nor any other court of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., has the right to take action on issues of a moral and social nature on any basis other than the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments the only infallible rule of faith and practice, we ask permission to protest this action of the Synod of Mississippi. We ask also that this protest be sent to the Assembly along with the action of the Synod, and that equal publicity be given to the two statements.

(Signed) Arthur M. Schneider, Jr., Victor O. Augsburger, Joseph S. Hackman, George E. Felknor, J. Kelly Unger, Marsh M. Callaway, S. N. Harris, Robert H. Walkup, C. R. Slider, E. C. Brasington, James P. F. Stevenson, Spencer C. Murray, Bernard V. Munger, G. Wilbur Smith, Murphey C. Wilds, John M. Wilson, J. Moody McDill, Roger E. Williams, Roy L. McCown, Jr., Robert P. Richardson, Robert P. Richardson, Jr., T. Russell Nunan, John K. Johnson, E. G. Boyce, Wilkes D. Macaulay, Tom A. Davidson.

(60) WHEREAS, the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States adopted a report directed to it by the Council of Christian Relations, which report stated that "enforced segregation of races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics"; and

WHEREAS, the adopted report on "The Church and Segregation" has been submitted to the Church at large for careful study with the specific recommendations that the trustees of institutions of higher education, synods, governing bodies of conferences and sessions of local churches consider a policy of admitting persons without respect to race; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn and studied judgment of this court of the Church that such a policy, if adopted, would be detrimental to the best interests of the Church; and

WHEREAS, the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly did recommend for study a paper entitled "A Statement to Southern Christians" which said, "Having in mind the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States concerning segregation, the Assembly commends the principle of the decision, and urges the members of our churches to consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the complete solution of the problem involved" and "also urges that all our people lend their assistance to those charged with the duty of implementing the decision," and

WHEREAS, it has been the historic position of the Presbyterian Church in the United States that church courts should refrain from making deliverances which bind the conscience of its members in matters which are primarily political or social in nature, that, in political and social controversies no man or group of men, however sincere, can or should presume to speak for other Christian men of equal sincerity and liberty of conscience as if this group alone is conscious of the mind of Christ, and that assemblies or lower courts of the Church should not assume jurisdiction or claim to rule over the right of private judgment in such matters or make deliverances concerning them which amount to authoritative statements of policy; rather, "synods and councils are to handle and conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical" (Confession of Faith, Chapter XXXI, Sec. IV); and

WHEREAS, there has been a growing tendency on the part of the Division of Christian Relations of the Board of Church Extension to make deliverances and engage in activities which are out of agreement with the distinctive principles and the historic position of the Presbyterian Church in the United States;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Central Mississippi respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

(1). That the Assembly reconsider and rescind the above-mentioned action of the last Assembly in adopting the Report of the Council on Christian Relations entitled, "The Church and Segregation."

(2). That this Assembly carefully define the functions of the Division of Christian Relations of the Board of Church Extension to the end that deliverances

shall not be made by this agency which reflect upon the Christian fidelity of those within the Church who may differ from them in matters of conscience.

To the Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work, 43, 67.

Replies are found on page 68.

(43) The Presbytery of Winchester respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS, a minister with a call to a definite work must have his name presented to the Commission on the Minister and His Work, before it is presented to the presbytery, and

WHEREAS, the wisdom of this procedure is easily seen, and

WHEREAS, there is no provision for such a preliminary examination in the case of a minister without a call to a definite work, now, therefore,

The Presbytery of Winchester respectfully overtures the General Assembly to approve and submit to the presbyteries an amendment to the Book of Church Order, to become Paragraph 96, Section 2 (4) in order that the amendment be included as a case where the Commission functions as a committee—necessitating a change of the present (4) to (5) with resulting changes in cross references and subsequent numbering, AND to read substantially as follows:

"(4) By advising with ministers who seek membership in a presbytery, but who do not have a call to a definite work. Any such minister shall be required to present his credentials to the Commission, together with a statement of the reasons for his desire to become a member of the Presbytery. If the Commission is satisfied that his membership will be of direct benefit to the Presbytery through his service as Temporary or Occasional Supply, and on Committees and Commissions of Presbytery; or of indirect benefit to the Presbytery through services to the church members as industrial chaplain, hospital chaplain, college or university teacher, etc., then the Commission may recommend that the Presbytery examine and receive him, but the Commission shall be under no obligation to recommend the reception of a minister simply because he resides within the bounds of the Presbytery; nor shall this in any wise exclude a minister from the provisions of Paragraph 232 regarding a man not engaged in his ministerial functions."

(67) The Presbytery of Montgomery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the Presbyteries to direct the Session and Board of Deacons of the individual churches to confer each year with the local pastor as to the adequacy of his salary and the salaries of the other paid personnel of the church.

We believe that this will be a distinct help in dealing with the economic problem that many Ministers face in the church and will also be a means of facing the problem with realism and without embarrassment to pastor or church.

To the Docket, 68.

Reply is found on page 47.

(68) WHEREAS, the year 1956 marks the 250th anniversary of the organization of the First Presbytery in Philadelphia and is a date of great historic importance to all Presbyterians and especially to the Presbyterian Church in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a cordial invitation has been extended by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to the Presbyterian Church in the United States to join in the celebration of this significant event in the life of the Church; and

WHEREAS, the occasion of the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in Philadelphia is a time set aside in 1956 to give special attention to proper commemoration of the founding of the First Presbytery in Philadelphia;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Montgomery respectfully urges and overtures the Assembly to give special thought to the possibility of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States holding its next meeting in 1956 in the City of Philadelphia and at the same date of the meeting of the 1956 Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and on special occasions during that period unite with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the First Presbytery of America.

REPORTS OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

The reports of the Ad Interim Committees were docketed with the exception of the report of Committee on 250th Anniversary of the Organization of the First Presbytery which was referred to the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Judicial. To the Standing Committees on Bills and Overtures, Judicial Business, Christian Relations and the Minister and His Work.

2. Worship. The report was considered and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP

1. The worship services for this meeting of the General Assembly are printed in the back of the Blue Book for the convenience of the commissioners. They were prepared by Rev. Harmon B. Ramsey.

2. It is recommended that the Assembly approve of the arrangement for the following services on Sunday morning:

(1) Communion Service for the General Assembly at Second Presbyterian Church, 9 o'clock. The Communion Meditation will be given by Rev. C. L. King.

(2) Morning Worship at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 11 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Henry Edward Russell.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE H. BOGGS, *Chairman*

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

Reports of Trustees were presented and were referred as indicated:

1. General Assembly and Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. To the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

2. Historical Foundation. To the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

3. Mountain Retreat Association. To the Standing Committee on Education.

REPORTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

The annual reports of Austin, Columbia, Louisville and Union Theological Seminaries were referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

VOTES ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The votes of the presbyteries on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order were referred to the Standing Committee on Judicial Business.

VOTES ON UNION

The votes of the presbyteries on the Plan of Union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and the United Presbyterian Church of North America were referred to the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.

COMPLAINTS

The following complaints were referred to the Standing Committee on Judicial Business:

1. Complaints of Jas. W. Marshall and S. M. Bell against the Synod of Florida.

2. Complaint of Mrs. Thos. H. English against the Synod of Georgia.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees for the 1955 sessions of the General Assembly have been appointed according to the Standing Rules. They are as follows:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. Sidney A. Gates, *Chairman.* Ministers: A. F. Fogartie, Russell M. Kerr, Lawrence F. Sthreshley, Jr., Sam C. Smith, Wade H. Boggs, Joe M. Brown, Dwyn M. Mounger, Thomas A. Fry, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, David M. Currie, Alexander Henry, Chester Alexander, Arthur W. Rideout, J. M. Bemiss, F. Clay Doyle, H. Kerr Taylor, G. Thomas Preer, Marion H. Currie, Paul M. Watson. Elders: W. A. Hopkins, Ray Worthington, Russell B. Miller, Clifford W. Coleman, J. D. Saxon, Murphy F. McGirt, James H. Bryan, S. Oliver O'Bryan, James J. Sollar, Jr., Wm. C. McLean, Norwood J. Gant, Walter R. Humphrey, George W. Collett, Frank S. Haines, Jr., James G. Gallant, Chas. C. Dickinson, Walter E. Disney, Jr., W. F. Somers, George Thompson, R. B. Foster, Jr.

Judicial Business—Mr. John A. Richardson, *Chairman.* Ministers: Turney B. Roddy, Allen E. Fortune, Robert E. Cogswell, Alfred G. Severin, A. L. Ash, H. Bruce Fisher, P. Cary Adams, Eugene P. Poe, R. Matthew Lynn, Charles Robert Tapp, Price H. Gwynn, Jr., John R. Winter, William M. Belk, Russell W. Park, Jr., G. W. Whiteside, Joseph B. Mack, Joseph H. Carter, James E. Fogartie, David A. Huffines, Jr., Philip A. Roberts. Elders: Raymond B. Harris, John F. Llewellyn, Joe A. McFarland, Jr., S. H. McCall, Jr., Edward B. Hope, Cleveland Davis, R. W. Shoffner, H. Phelps Brooks, Jr., G. Glenn Nichols, John W. Brightwell, W. F. Green, Ralph J. Blank, W. K. Fitch, M. S. Goodholm, Vincel O. Smith, Jesse H. Stuart, R. L. Herr.

Office of General Assembly—Rev. Wayte Fulton, Jr., *Chairman.* Ministers: Louis F. Hoffman, S. P. Riccobene, Samuel H. Christopher, Jr., Joseph W. Conyers, John W. Cunningham, Herman J. Womeldorf, Dwight Seneker, J. Russell Cross, Ed. Payne Miller, Jr., Stewart W. Yandle, R. M. Dickson, Lawrence M. Malloy, W. B. Sullivan, Fred J. Harmon, W. W. Grover, Sam Cappel, J. T. Donnell, Leonard E. Woodward. Elders: E. L. Hanger, Carl S. Harris, Roy G. Clark, William M. Brawner John C. Ashcraft, K. P. Dunaway, Jr., Richard L. Sthreshley, T. Mack Blackburn, Frank G. Payne, Wesley R. Bailey, James P. Anderson, Mac D. Saxon, R. A. Bibbins, Jack Flurry, Lacy John, John B. Price, W. W. Forbes, J. G. McAllister, Jr., Dr. W. L. Cooke, Fred L. Hughes.

General Council—Rev. A. H. Hollingsworth, Jr., *Chairman.* Ministers: Samuel L. Belk, F. J. Brooke, Jr., J. S. Cantu, M. H. Applewhite, Paul H. Richards, James R. Crook, John D. Henderson, Chas. W. McNutt, Adrian G. Kolean, Edward V. Ramage, Stewart H. Long, Albert G. Harris, James W. Walkup, E. F. Montgomery, Wm. H. Foster, Jr., Cecil H. Lang, Roland Sims, James Appleby, Hugh C. Hamilton. Elders: J. F. Wily, Jr., L. A. Metcalf, Henry H. Bryant, John R. Bagby, Robert N. McLeod, Stanley K. Wallace, Chas. T. McCroy, A. W. Ragsdale, J. E. Cooper, P. B. Dyck, Dr. Joseph A. Norton, Geo. Dawson Trimble, M. Elmer Taylor, C. W. Gilchrist, L. W. Tabor, Mark H. Littleton, A. W. Kelley, Robert E. Bell, A. R. Lyle, Dr. E. H. Ellinwood.

World Missions—Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr., *Chairman.* Ministers: J. Calvin Chesnutt, Ivan H. Trusler, Reuben T. Allen, Jr., John D. MacLeod, Jr., George W. Long, Jr., O. F. Hooker, William H. Crane, E. F. Gettys, F. Sidney Anderson, Jr., R. F. Tranmer, John H. Thompson, Wm. McKay, J. Kelly Neal, J. A. Warren, E. L. Willingham, III, A. Merrell Keith, W. Ted Smith, James Cogswell. Elders: W. S. Patterson, John H. East, Caldwell Brown, L. H. Pharr, H. W. Bacon, Edward N. Stirewalt, A. M. Bowen, James S. Clower, George Carr, John B. Klugh, A. J. Richards, James A. Harkins, Everett P. Veatch, George W. Jones, Selser R. Pickett, George A. Stallworth, J. H. Baucom, J. T. Myers, W. M. Watts.

Church Extension—Rev. Thomas M. Davis, *Chairman.* Ministers: Carl S. Miller, John C. B. McLaughlin, C. Monroe King, Wm. L. Huntsman, Frank B. Walker, Jan A. McMurry, Wm. C. Rhodes, Jr., Edward M. Nesbitt, Wm. H. Dendy, Paul Bohn, R. R.

Craig, Angus G. McInnis, LeRoy C. Obert, Scott McNair Poole, Reginald S. Lowe, Wm. C. Brown, Edward H. Jones, S. Guice Stewart, W. R. Clarke. Elders: Earl Friedly, Foster Bland, R. E. Gettys, Aaron F. Clark, J. Stanley Bumby, James E. Gilbert, R. H. Clemmer, Robert Q. Cohen, Tennis Garrison, G. L. Sadler, John H. Walker, Quinton D. Edmonds, Clarence Lytch, William F. Bell, W. B. Whitfield, R. C. Andrews, Dekalb Wylie, Ramsey Fuller.

Christian Education—Rev. R. T. L. Liston, *Chairman.* Ministers: F. Wellford Hobbie, Jack C. Ramsay, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Charles E. Kirkpatrick, Leslie Bullock, Wm. C. Sistar, Albert N. Wells, R. F. Sloop, Wm. S. Porter, R. G. Hutcheson, Sr., Russell D. Toms, Edward C. Hay, Roland Murray, Henry Edward Russell, W. Graham Wood, J. H. Lansinger, Samuel M. Houck, Armando Rodriguez, James W. Wright. Elders: Devaughn Pratt, J. L. Clarkson, James S. MacLean, Paul F. Swasey, J. W. Baldwin, W. J. Teel, Joseph E. Patrick, Garland M. Lasater, Ort H. Ertzinger, Chas M. Sprinkle, Carter L. Franklin, F. B. Adams, Paul C. Rouzer, Howard R. Richardson, Charles E. Kerchner, Chester Francis, Houston A. Baker, R. S. Reynolds, A. M. Cunningham, James H. Clark.

Annuities and Relief—Mr. A. Walton Litz, *Chairman.* Ministers: R. T. Baker, Wade H. Bell, Jr., C. I. Kelly, Charles W. Jennings, S. T. Hill, Witherspoon Dunlap, W. B. Clemmons, J. R. Woods, Thompson E. Davis, E. G. Boyce, C. R. Slider, F. H. Daniel, Louis E. Evans, James S. McDaniel, W. B. Neill, Newton P. Cox, Jr., Holmes Rolston, Byron L. Milton, L. A. Taylor, B. L. Bowman. Elders: Henry A. Neff, Oscar B. Drinkard, A. Van Pritchartt, Chas. F. Sibley, W. N. Clark, Henry H. Massey, Duncan Thompson, J. H. Parks, W. Harley Ross, Orrick Metcalfe, R. L. Weeks, L. H. Parris, H. B. Kilgore, Earl H. Lynch, D. S. Wardlaw, J. G. Morrison, E. C. Wood, John Myers, Wm. F. Richmond, Bob Shelton.

Women's Work—Rev. J. P. Noble, *Chairman.* Ministers: V. A. Venezia, Marshal L. Smith, H. M. Washburn, W. S. Patterson, C. L. Morrison, Jefferson K. Aiken, W. D. Morton, Walter B. Passiglia, James I. Lowry, Howard G. Maatman, P. G. Cosby, III, John McPherson, P. N. Gresham, Palmer Wm. Deloteus, Oscar Gardner, G. Raymond Womeldorf, Samuel N. Thomas. Elders: John Forbes, Alex M. Rankin, Jr., P. R. Menn, F. L. Fussell, Philip J. Lee, Alfred Moore, Marion M. Cardwell, W. C. Shiflet, Thos. R. Leslie, Royster Lyle, S. S. Hoge, Ed Brown, Preston S. Copenhaver, R. B. White, Steve Juhasz, J. Reid Abernathy, Phil Cockerham.

Interchurch Relations—Rev. C. Ellis Nelson, *Chairman.* Ministers: Fitzhugh M. Legerton, W. G. Foster, James T. Womack, Jr., L. A. Bayne, L. E. Jordan, Ernest T. Thompson, Willis Thompson, S. H. Salmon, G. W. Crofoot, H. Graham Keys, R. G. Valentine, Cecil D. Brearley, Jr., Wm. Henry Benchoff, S. E. Howie, Duncan R. Crockett, J. W. Lipscomb, C. Rodney Sunday, Laurence Williams, William P. Burns. Elders: John H. Martin, F. A. Frere, Jr., Harold L. Clemens, Donald G. Benn, R. V. Mason, Ed. C. Hammond, Edward G. Roberts, O. C. Ogletree, John L. Wellford, J. M. McNeel, Ralph K. Watson, James Justice, W. J. Roddey, Jr., John C. Batte, C. A. Poole, J. M. Gilmer, A. L. Maxwell, Frank W. Robertson.

Christian Relations—Rev. Albert C. Winn, *Chairman.* Ministers: James Burt MacLeod, Bernard V. Munger, H. Glenn Stephens, John K. Johnson, William M. Boyce, Thomas T. Traynham, C. L. King, J. S. Johnson, Carl W. McMurray, Isaac S. de Lugo, L. H. Eikel, Alton J. Shirey, Ellison A. Smyth, Thos. P. Horger, Jr., Jon K. Crow, Robert P. Douglass, James A. Allison, Jr., Thomas C. Clay, Charles Rees Jenkins, Claude A. Calcote. Elders: J. L. Mallard, Robert L. Morrison, Edwin P. McLean, Will Lewis, William E. Perrow, A. W. Boon, Earl G. Luke, John H. Hill, Harry A. Vinyard, T. Clyde Auman, B. W. Griffith, Fielding Russell, Alex. S. Moffett, S. M. Witherspoon, Horace A. Johnston, W. L. McKinney, John M. Guthrie, Austin Capps, W. C. Scoggins, George E. Goodwin.

Minister and His Work—Rev. Massey Mott Heltzel, *Chairman.* Ministers: Leonard O. Elmore, Fred S. Rogers, Kenneth V. Shick, Arthur M. Field, Jr., J. G. Morrison, Jr., T. Robert Fulton, W. L. Carson, Neill R. McGeachy, Milton H. Knox, Ben F. Brown, Lawrence W. Bottoms, Hubert G .Wardlaw, J. M. Gregory, W. R. Raborn, J. Norton Dendy, O. A. Radford, Paul E. Bailey, Klair L. Armstrong, J. Rupert McGregor. Elders: Ed Cason, Thos. E. Rose, Noble Noel, C. L. Elliott, Robert R. Anderson, S. J. Wachs, H. B. Peden, Dr. L. L. McCharen, C. A. Wilson, Drew Ludlam, Harry D. Payne,

E. F. Jones, Robert E. Marshall, J. M. Council, Jr., Julian Watson, L. T. Thoman, James W. Jamison, Phil Howard, R. E. Molyneaux, O. G. Bailey, G. P. Bowman.

DOCKET

The Docket as printed in the Blue Book was adopted as the tentative docket for the sessions of the General Assembly. The following hours for meeting were fixed: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. to the will of the Assembly.

WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF RICHMOND

The Hon. Thomas Bryan, Mayor of the City of Richmond, brought to the General Assembly a message of welcome to the City and extended its hospitality to the members of the Assembly during their stay.

Following announcements by the Stated Clerk and Rev. Frederick H. Olert, the Assembly adjourned until 2:00 p.m. Friday and was closed with the Benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY

FRIDAY

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met in the sanctuary of the Grace Covenant Church with the Moderator presiding.

This session was opened with a "Service of Adoration" led by Rev. Albert C. Winn.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved as amended.

The Standing Committee on Judicial Business submitted a partial report which was adopted and is as follows:

PARTIAL REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Your Committee has examined the papers in the complaints to the General Assembly and find that they are in order.

We recommend that Judicial Commissions be appointed to hear and adjudicate the following complaints:

1. Rev. Jas. W. Marshall and Ruling Elder S. M. Bell vs. Synod of Florida.
2. Mrs. Rachel Willet (Thos. H.) English vs. Synod of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Chairman*

The following Judicial Commissions were appointed:

The Moderator appointed as the Judicial Commission the Standing Committee on Judicial Business, except those who are commissioners from the Synod of Florida:

1. COMMISSION TO HEAR COMPLAINT OF JAS. W. MARSHALL AND S. M. BELL

Mr. John A. Richardson, *Chairman*. Ministers: Turney B. Roddy, Allen

E. Fortune, Robert E. Cogswell, Alfred G. Severin, A. L. Ash, H. Bruce Fisher, P. Cary Adams, Eugene P. Poe, R. Matthew Lynn, Charles Robert Tapp, Price H. Gwynn, Jr., John R. Winter, Russell W. Park, Jr., G. W. Whiteside, Joseph B. Mack, Joseph H. Carter, James E. Fogartie, David A. Huffines, Jr., Philip A. Roberts. Elders: John F. Llewellyn, Joe A. McFarland, Jr., S. H. McCall, Jr., Edward B. Hope, Cleveland Davis, R. W. Shoffner, H. Phelps Brooks, Jr., G. Glenn Nichols, John W. Brightwell, W. K. Fitch, M. S. Goodholm, Vincel O. Smith, R. L. Herr.

The Moderator appointed the following Judicial Commission to hear the complaint of Mrs. Thos. H. English vs. Synod of Georgia:

2. COMMISSION TO HEAR COMPLAINT OF MRS. THOS. H. ENGLISH

Rev. Wm. C. Sistar, *Chairman.* Ministers: J. Norton Dendy, J. W. Dunlap, Arthur F. Fogartie, L. H. Eikel, L. O. Elmore, W. S. Patterson, Paul H. Richards, Laurence Williams, Cecil D. Brearley, Jr., James A. Cogswell, Jan A. McMurry, J. T. Womack, Jr., V. A. Venezia. Elders: James H. Bryan, T. Mack Blackburn, Joseph Norton, J. E. Gilbert, Charles F. Sibley, R. A. Bibbins, Jack Flurry, George Carr, C. A. Poole, W. H. Massey, H. B. Kilgore, John H. Martin, John M. Guthrie.

RESOLUTION

Ruling Elder J. E. Patrick presented a resolution from the Presbytery of Atlanta touching on Theological Education, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Christian Education.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a telegram from Mr. T. Shep Clark of Augusta, Ga., conveying greetings to the General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

Rev. John K. Roberts presented the report of the Board of Directors of the *Presbyterian Survey* which was adopted as amended. (See Appendix, page 132).

In connection with this report the members of the staff were introduced and the Assembly heard a tape recording setting forth the scope of the service rendered the Church by the *Presbyterian Survey.*

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEW HYMNAL

Mr. Cameron Deans presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Preparation of the New Hymnal, which was adopted. (See Appendix, page 133).

The committee was commended for its diligence and discharged.

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ISSUES CONCERNING PRESBYTERIAN UNION

Rev. Frank H. Caldwell presented the report of the Ad Interim Commit-

tee on Issues Concerning Presbyterian Union, which was adopted. (See Appendix, page 147).

The committee was commended for its diligence and discharged.

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Education reporting progress and requesting that the committee be continued.

The report was adopted and the request granted. (See Appendix, page 134).

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Rev. Donald G. Miller presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage with the request that the committee be continued. The report was adopted and the request granted. (See Appendix, page 138).

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIANITY AND HEALTH

Rev. William B. Oglesby, Jr., read the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health. It was adopted as amended. (See Appendix, pages 134-138).

Mr. Bluford Hestir, Director of Publicity for the General Council, presented the members of the Press and Radio covering this meeting of the Assembly.

The following motion was adopted: That the Moderator lead a special prayer for Rev. William A. Alexander, a former Moderator of our General Assembly, who has been totally and permanently disabled for about 2 years; and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to send Dr. Alexander assurance of our Christian love and sympathy. Upon its adoption the Assembly was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The Moderator absented himself from the chair. At his request, Ruling Elder L. Nelson Bell presided during his absence.

The Assembly was led in "A Service of Confession" by Rev. Arthur F. Fogartie. During this service the Stated Clerk read the Necrological List of ministers. Dr. Fogartie led the Assembly in prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of these men and of intercession for their families.

Following the Worship Service, the Assembly stood in recess, being led in prayer by Rev. Charles L. King.

EVENING SESSION

The Assembly met at 7:30 p.m. and engaged in a special service conducted in the interest of the Board of Christian Education with Rev. R. T. L. Liston, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Christian Education, presiding and leading in the devotional service. Special music was rendered by the Choir of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Marshall C. Dendy, with the use of movable displays, presented the nature and scope of the Board of Christian Education's responsibilities to the Church and its constituency.

Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr., as the feature of the evening, brought a challenge to a year of great effort in the field of Higher Education during 1956.

The Moderator took the chair and following the Benediction, pronounced by Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr., the Assembly stood in adjournment until 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

THIRD DAY

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met in the sanctuary of the Grace Covenant Church with Rev. R. Matthew Lynn presiding on the invitation of the Moderator. The session was opened with a "Service of Thanksgiving" led by Rev. Lawrence W. Bottoms.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented communications from J. Lewis W. McLain, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and W. T. Mulcay, Moderator of the Synod of Kasai Belgian Congo, extending fraternal greetings.

The communications were received and the Moderator was instructed to reply.

SELECTION OF NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Stated Clerk presented overture 68 from the Presbytery of Montgomery, requesting the General Assembly to hold its 1956 meeting in the City of Philadelphia as a part of the Observance commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the organization of the first Presbytery in America. The overture was received as information pending the receipt of invitations.

Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., Mr. R. L. Morrison, Mr. Robert Kell and Rev. R. T. L. Liston, addressed the Assembly, extending an invitation for the 1956 Assembly to be held in Bristol, Tenn.-Va.

Rev. Richard R. Potter, Mr. George M. Cochrane, and Mr. Charles W. McKenzie extended an invitation to hold the 1956 Assembly in Staunton, Virginia.

Rev. J. Rupert McGregor extended an invitation for the 1956 Assembly to meet in Montreat.

The Assembly voted to accept the Montreat invitation. By this action the overture from the Presbytery of Montgomery was answered in the negative.

Rev. Richard R. Potter requested the Assembly to have some part in the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Observances in 1956.

The Moderator took the chair.

Rev. Cecil D. Brearley, Jr., requested the Assembly to hear Rev. Robert

T. Taylor, General Secretary of the American Bible Society. The request was granted and the Assembly heard Dr. Taylor.

RESOLUTION

Rev. Angus G. McInnis presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

On Sunday, June 5, 1955, the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will dedicate with appropriate ceremonies a new sanctuary and educational building.

Established in 1949, Trinity Church of Atlanta has, in less than six years, grown to an active membership of more than one thousand communicants.

Be it resolved that this General Assembly extends felicitations to this vigorous young church on this happy occasion and offers its prayers for Trinity's continued growth and increasing usefulness in God's kingdom.

RESOLUTION

Ruling Elder George Goodwin presented a resolution requesting that steps be taken looking to removal of other Assembly agencies to the Presbyterian Center in Atlanta.

This was referred to the Standing Committee on The General Council.

REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MONTREAT COLLEGE

Ruling Elder Donald C. Agnew presented the Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Montreat College.

Rev. J. Rupert McGregor presented a study of the Montreat College question, with recommendations, which was offered as a substitute for the report. Both items were referred to the Standing Committee on Christian Education.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

Rev. Sidney Gates presented the report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Debate was in progress at the hour of recess.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Angus G. McInnis, Rev. W. B. Clemmons, and Ruling Elder George E. Goodwin as the Committee on Thanks.

With the pronouncing of the benediction the Assembly stood in recess until 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING

The Assembly met at 7:30 o'clock with Ruling Elder L. Nelson Bell presiding.

Rev. J. G. Patton, Executive Secretary of the General Council, announced that the General Council was relinquishing the time allotted to it on the evening's program.

Rev. J. Phillips Noble, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Women's Work, led a special service featuring the work of the Board. Music for the service was by the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Richmond.

Miss Louise A. Davidson, Chairman of the Board of Women's Work, presented the following members of the Board: Mrs. George U. Baucom, Jr., Mrs. Joseph G. Walker, and Rev. W. B. Ward.

Mrs. W. Rex Josey, Chairman of the Women's Advisory Council, brought greetings from the Presidents of the Women of the Church of the Synods in the General Assembly.

Miss Evelyn Green, Miss Janie McCutchen and Miss Annie Tait Jenkins, members of the staff of the Office of the Board of Women's Work, were presented.

The message of the evening was brought by Miss Janie McGaughey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Women's Work, who spoke on the subject: "Women of the Church as Heralds of the Christ."

Following the pronouncing of the Benediction by Rev. J. Phillips Noble, the Assembly stood in adjournment until 8:30 a.m. Monday.

SUNDAY

Although the Assembly was not in session on Sunday, attention is called to the services which were held.

1. The Assembly Communion Service was held at the Second Presbyterian Church at 9:00 a.m. The meditation was given by Rev. C. L. King who spoke from the content of the Fifty-third Chapter of Isaiah. The elements were administered by Rev. Frederick H. Olert and Rev. Charles W. Kernan and Ruling Elders from several Churches in the Presbytery of East Hanover.

2. The Morning Worship Service was held at the Grace Covenant Church with Rev. William B. Ward presiding. He was assisted by Rev. E. C. Scott who brought a "Message From the Assembly," the Rev. Henry Edward Russell who preached the sermon "Redemption Is Our Business" from John 20:21, and Rev. Charles L. King who led in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

3. At 2:30 p.m. the Assembly and friends heard Rev. J. Rupert McGregor and Ruling Elder L. Nelson Bell make a report on the Billy Graham crusade in Scotland. Rev. William H. McCorkle, Secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Board of Church Extension, presided over this service.

4. Rev. Frank H. Caldwell presided over a service at 3:30 p.m. at which fraternal greetings were brought from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod by Rev. R. C. Grier; from the United Presbyterian Church by Rev. W. Scott McMunn; and from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America by Rev. C. Ralston Smith.

Rev. J. R. Cunningham and Col. Francis P. Miller reported on the meeting of the World Council of Churches held in Evanston, Illinois, in August, 1954.

5. At 7:30 p.m. at the Mosque, Richmond's largest auditorium, the Assembly and a host of its friends saw an historical pageant which was planned and presented by the Historical Committee of the Presbytery of East Hanover.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Donald W. Richardson. Rev. William B. Ward read verses 1-13 of the 145th Psalm. Rev. W. Lapsley Carson led in prayer and a combined choir from many of the Presbyterian Churches in the city of Richmond rendered music, directed by Professor James R. Sydnor. The film "Heritage" was given its premiere showing at

Rev. Warner L. Hall delivered an address "Worthy of Tomorrow." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. T. Thompson.

FOURTH DAY

MORNING SESSION Monday, June 6, 1955

The Assembly met at 8:30 o'clock and was led in a "Service of Intercession" by Rev. James A. Cogswell.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved as corrected.

The Stated Clerk presented communications from Donald Garrison of Hapeville, Ga., and Mrs. Maude Clifford of Bedford, Kentucky, in regard to segregation. They were received as information.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures which was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

There were placed in the hands of your Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. Overtures 1-8, 49, 50, 56-58, 69 and 71—referred to the Committee by the General Assembly.

2. Sections II and VII from the report of Permanent Judicial Committee, the former dealing with "Overtures assigned to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures," and the latter dealing with "Other Matters referred by the 1954 Assembly."

The committee recommends the following disposition of these:

Overtures 1 and 2, requesting amendments to the Book of Church Order to clarify the matter of ordaining candidates and licentiates pursuing their studies immediately upon graduation from seminaries: we recommend that these be referred to the proposed Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order.

Overture 3, requesting amendments to the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith to authorize administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on other than stated occasions of worship: we recommend that it be answered in the negative, as unnecessary, the freedom sought being already possessed, since the standards do not forbid the holding of communion services other than at the stated times in the church, but rather such practices as mere distribution of elements previously used in a service without repeating the essential parts of a true service, as is evident by the context before and after the final clause of Chapter XXXI, paragraph 3, Confession of Faith.

Overtures 4-7, requesting an amendment of paragraph 80, Book of Church Order, to make representation in the Synod conform with that in Presbytery as set forth in paragraph 70: we recommend that these be answered in the affirmative. The following amendment of paragraph 80 is approved and ordered sent to the presbyteries for advice and consent:

> The Synod consists of all the Ministers and one Ruling Elder from each church in a district comprising at least three Presbyteries, except that a church whose membership exceeds 1,000 shall be represented by an additional Ruling Elder for each additional 1,000 or major fraction thereof. The qualifications for membership in the Synod and the Presbytery are the same.

Overture 8, requesting a clarification of two points with regard to actions of the Synod of Mississippi:

We recommend that point "1" be answered: "Under the circumstances of this case, where there was a vacancy of the moderatorship of the Synod of Mississippi, the Synod

was acting properly under the Book of Church Order in naming a Moderator *pro tem.*"

We recommend that point "2" be answered: "Since the Book of Church Order was not violated, the actions taken were not invalidated by the election of a Moderator *pro tem.*"

Overture 49, requesting determination of the legality of electing as Moderator a ruling elder not sent officially to the court by his Session: we recommend that this overture be answered: "In accord with the normal rules of parliamentary bodies only a member of the body may be elected Moderator."

Overture 50, requesting that the Moderator of the General Assembly be requested by the General Assembly not to do certain things specified in the overture: we recommend that this be answered in the negative.

Overture 56, requesting a change in the Book of Church Order, paragraph 96, section 4, relating to the Commission on the Minister and His Work: we recommend that this be referred to the Permanent Committee on the Minister and His Work for study and recommendation.

Overture 57, requesting a change in the Book of Church Order, Chapter XIV, so as to include assistant pastors as members of the Session: we recommend that this be answered as follows: "Because the congregation has had no part in the election of an assistant pastor, he cannot be an officer over the people nor a member of the Session."

Overture 58, requesting an "*in thesi*" deliverance on the question of women speaking in Church courts; and

Overture 69, requesting amendments to the Book of Church Order to provide for eligibility of women to hold the offices of elder and deacon: we recommend that these be referred to an ad interim committee of five, to be appointed by the Moderator, to do thorough Biblical study of both issues involved. Without such study we do not feel an opinion can be reached by the Church.

Overture 77, requesting that the word "decent" be changed to "quiet" in section 316 of the Book of Church Order: we recommend that, since this overture suggests merely the altering of one word and requires no immediate action, it be referred to the proposed Committee on the Book of Church Order.

Other matters referred by the 1954 General Assembly:

Paper of Rev. R. B. Porter, requesting various amendments to the Book of Church Order: we recommend that these be referred to the proposed Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order.

From 1954 Bills and Overtures Committee, regarding installation of Minister to Students, and a proposed amendment to paragraph 138-A: we recommend that the installation of Ministers to Students, teaching missionaries, teachers in Church schools, chaplains, etc., be referred to the proposed Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order.

From 1954 Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations, relative to amending paragraph 168 so that congregations would vote on church union: we recommend that this be answered in the negative as unnecessary.

From 1954 Standing Committee on Christian Education, relative to status and training of "Lay Preachers": we recommend the following answer: The recognition of a separate group entitled "Lay Preachers" is not warranted under our system, particularly in the light of the assignment of this function to Ruling Elders in paragraph 41, Book of Church Order.

Respectfully submitted,
SIDNEY A. GATES, *Chairman*
ALEXANDER HENRY, *Secretary*

Ruling Elder John A. Richardson, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Judicial Business which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

This committee had referred to it the following matters:

1. The votes of the presbyteries on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order.

2. Report of Permanent Nominating Committee relative to the Permanent Judicial Committee.

3. Overtures 9-14, 52, 62, 63, 64 and 70.

4. Report of the Permanent Judicial Committee.

5. The Official Minutes of the sixteen Synods.

The committee would wish to state that all except one of the 39 commissioners assigned to it were present and active in all matters.

1. The votes of the presbyteries on proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order are as follows:

Amendment	*Approved*	*Disapproved*	*Not Voting*
Paragraph 126	83	---	2
Paragraph 232	83	---	2
Paragraph 145-A	82	1	2
Paragraph 147	81	1	3
New Chapter, Director of Christian Education	27	54	4

We recommend the enactment of all of the four above amendments which received the required affirmative majority vote.

They are hereby enacted and are as follows:

1. Amendment to Paragraph 126.

In Paragraph 126, Sentence 2, substitute "Occasional Supplies" for "Temporary Supplies," thus making the paragraph to conform with the 1953 amendment (General Assembly Minutes 1953, page 64.) The sentence will read: "All of these shall be ordained Ministers, except that Presbytery may approve licentiates, candidates, or laymen as Occasional Supplies."

2. Amendment to Paragraph 232.

We suggest amending Paragraph 232 as follows: "Whenever a minister of the Gospel shall habitually fail for a period of two years to be engaged in the regular discharge of his ministerial functions, it shall be the duty of the Commission on the Minister and His Work to report that fact to the Presbytery, and it shall be the duty of the Presbytery . . ." We further recommend that the last paragraph of Secion 232 be amended by inserting as a first sentence "These provisions shall in no way apply to a minister honorably retired because of age or disability." We further suggest that a cross reference to Paragraph 232 be added to Paragraph 96, 1. which describes the duties of the Commission on Minister and His Work when it serves as a committee.

3. Amendment to be known as Paragraph 145 A.

"When a candidate or licentiate has been ordained by a presbytery or its commission, the Session of the congregation of which he is a member shall be notified by the stated clerk of the presbytery. Upon receipt of this notice the Session shall drop the now ordained minister from the roll of its members and proper record thereof be made."

4. Amendment to Paragraph 147.

That Paragraph 147, Book of Church Order, be amended by deleting the sentence reading: "In every case, the time for retirement shall be September 1, following the seventieth birthday," and that the sentence reading: "In every case, the time for retirement shall be the seventieth birthday," be substituted in its place.

2. We recommend the election of the nominees of the Permanent Nominating Committee to the Permanent Judicial Committee of the General Assembly, as follows:

Class of 1958: Dean John W. Wade, Gov. Robt. F. Kennon, Rev. Harry K. Holland.

3. We recommend that Overture 52 from Orange Presbytery, relative to appointment of an Ad Interim Committee "to study the whole matter of the professional education of lay leaders" be answered in the affirmative exactly as written except that it includes

all types of lay leaders including, but not limited to, Directors of Christian Education, and that said Ad Interim Committee be so appointed.

4. In view of the foregoing recommendation for appointment of an Ad Interim Committee, we recommend that all remaining overtures, namely 9-14, 62, 63, 64 and 70, be referred to said Committee as having been answered by the foregoing recommendation.

5. The following recommendations of the Permanent Judicial Committee are hereby approved by this committee and recommended:

"That the General Assembly appoint a committee ad interim to make a thoroughgoing revision of the Book of Church Order.

"That this committee be given three to five years for completion, but required to make a progress report to the 1957 General Assembly.

"That the membership of the committee be composed of six persons: a minister as chairman, a member of the Permanent Judicial Committee, two other ministers and two ruling elders.

"That the committee utilize the Stated Clerk in an advisory capacity."

(The recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Committee pertaining to Judicial cases has already been approved by the Partial Report and appointment by the Moderator of Judicial Commissions.)

The remaining recommendations and suggestions of the Permanent Judicial Committee were received as information.

6. The minutes of the Synods were examined carefully in light of the provisions of the Book of Church Order and we recommend approval of same, with the following exceptions:

Synod of Kentucky:

a. On page 8, line 8, the words "joint session" are used for a meeting of the Synod with the Synodical of Kentucky.
b. The minutes have not been designated as the official copy, and are not signed by the Stated Clerk of the Synod.

Synod of Appalachia:

On page 14, a minute is made of the report of a Special Committee on Orphanages which indicates that the committee was thanked and dismissed before the report of that committee was received and adopted.

Synod of Florida: No index is found in minutes of Synod of Florida.

Synod of Missouri:

The reports of the Committee of Education, Sub-committee of Religious Education, Committee on Women's Work, American Bible Society and Home Missions are found in the Minutes, but no actions are indicated as to the recommendations of those Committees. Further, the Home Mission Committee report was approved only in part.

Synod of Virginia:

a. The addendum to the minutes as printed was not permanently attached to the file copy.
b. Synod did not recess at the end of the first day.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Chairman*
JAMES E. FOGARTIE, *Secretary*

Ruling Elder John A. Richardson, Chairman, presented the report of the Commission appointed to consider the complaint of Ruling Elder S. M. Bell and Rev. James W. Marshall against the Synod of Florida which was admitted to record as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE COMPLAINT OF RULING ELDER S. M. BELL AND REV. JAMES W. MARSHALL AGAINST THE SYNOD OF FLORIDA

The Judicial Commission appointed to consider the complaint of Ruling Elder S. M.

Bell and Rev. Jas. W. Marshall against the Synod of Florida, after a thorough consideration of the evidence presented, and after hearing W. F. Green for the complainants and Rev. J. W. Conyers nad Rev. Hugh Hamilton for the respondent, on the basis of evidence, pleas and presentations made before it, registers the following judgment:

Therefore, the Commission judges as follows:

"This Commission *sustains the complaint* on *each of the two counts*, in that the Synod of Florida erred in tabling a protest";

the two counts of said complaint reading as follows:

"*First*, that Synod did not conform to the Law of our church as contained in the Book of Church Order, Paragraph 301;

"*Second*, that Synod did not conform to the ruling of the General Assembly of 1951 relative to the recording of a protest."

The Minutes of the Commission and the records of the case have been turned in to the Stated Clerk of General Assembly for filing.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Chairman*
JAMES E. FOGARTIE, *Secretary*

Rev. William C. Sistar presented the report of the Commission appointed to consider the complaint of Rachel Willet English against the Synod of Georgia which was admitted to record and is as follows:

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION TO HEAR COMPLAINT OF RACHEL WILLET ENGLISH AGAINST THE SYNOD OF GEORGIA

In this cause, the Judicial Commission appointed by The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, in June 1955, met and duly considered the complaint of Rachel Willet English against The Synod of Georgia, to wit: (1) That The Synod of Georgia omitted vital testimony of the Complainant in the trial of her complaint against the Presbytery of Atlanta; and, (2) That the Moderator of the Synod of Georgia sustained an irregular motion made at the aforementioned trial.

The Judicial Commission considered the complaint, the reply of The Synod of Georgia, the testimony and statements of parties concerned and the entire record at large, from all of which the decision of the Judicial Commission is that the complaint be not sustained on either of the two charges.

It is therefore the judgment of the Judicial Committee, after prayerful and thoughtful consideration, that the complaint of Rachel Willet English against the Synod of Georgia be and the same is hereby dismissed in all its parts.

June 4, 1955.

REV. WM. C. SISTAR,
Chairman of Judicial Commission
Attest:
JOE NORTON, M.D.,
Clerk, Judicial Commission

The Stated Clerk presented a communication from Rev. William A. Alexander conveying greetings to the Assembly and expressing his appreciation for the telegram which was sent on Friday.

Ruling Elder A. Walton Litz, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief which was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief presents the following report and recommendations for appropriate action of the 95th General Assembly.

There were referred to your Committee:

1. The Minutes of the Board of Annuities and Relief, which were examined and found in order.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Annuities and Relief.
3. The Report of the Permanent Committee on Nominations relating to the Board of Annuities and Relief.
4. Overture 53.

We recommend:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Assembly call the attention of the presbyteries to the fact that the Ministers' Annuity Fund is the Official Plan of the Church, and that through membership in it ministers are enabled, during the years of their active service, to make provision for themselves and their dependents for the years of their retirement.

2. That the Assembly request the presbyteries to urge that young ministers and ministers received from other denominations establish membership in the Fund immediately after their reception into the presbytery.

3. That the Assembly remind all churches, Church agencies and institutions that they are expected to share in the cost of membership in the fund in accordance with the Official Plan.

4. That the Assembly again urge that all churches and committees, in determining the bases for the payment of dues to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, add 15% to all sources of salary for the free use of the manse, if any, regardless of ownership, in order that ministers may build larger earned annuities.

5. That the Assembly commend again to all churches and Church agencies and to nonministerial employees of the Church the benefits of membership in the Employees' Annuity Fund and urge participation in it.

6. That the Assembly urge all churches and Church agencies to make available to their full-time salaried personnel the insurance coverage offered under the Group Life and Hospitalization Insurance plan which was adopted by the General Assembly.

7. That the Assembly remind the synods, the presbyteries and churches that the contribution to the Board of the full share of the budgeted benevolence askings is a necessity, if the aged ministers of our Church and their dependents are to have provision made for their minimum needs.

8. That the Assembly urge again a generous Joy Gift offering on the part of all organizations of all churches, since it is a major source of income with which the Board ministers to the aged servants of the Church.

9. That the Assembly authorize the Board to continue to use a portion of the funds of Ministerial Relief to supplement the inadequate annuities in the meeting of emergencies in the lives of annuitants, taking into consideration their other sources of income.

10. That the Assembly request the presbytery chairmen of Annuities and Relief to advise the Board of emergency situations in the lives of our retired ministers and their dependents.

11. That the Assembly commend the diligence and efficiency of the Finance Committee and the Investment Counsel of the Board for keeping the funds properly and profitably invested.

12. That Overture #39 from the Presbytery of East Mississippi, referred to the Board by the 1954 General Assembly for study and report, be answered in the negative for the following reasons:

First—Coverage under Federal Social Security has become available to ministers on and after January 1, 1955 under the self-employment provisions of the code. While the choice of this coverage rests with the individual minister, it is anticipated that in the majority of cases ministers will qualify for such coverage and the benefits provided through the Ministers' Annuity Fund, supplemented by the benefits from Social Security will provide more adequate retirement income and survivor benefits for the ministers of our church and their families than could be provided through either source separately. Furthermore, while the minister electing the coverage is responsible for the Social Security taxes, nevertheless, the churches and other salary-paying agencies of the church have been urged to either assume the member's payments under the Ministers' Annuity Fund in order to make it easier for the minister to meet the Social Security taxes or to increase salaries so that the actual net income of the minister

would not be reduced by assuming the Social Security taxes in addition to the member's payments under the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

Second—Increased receipts from the General Budget of the Church would enable the Board of Annuities and Relief to increase relief grants so as to provide total retirement income up to $1,800 and possibly up to $2,200 per year. In such event beneficiaries will be in better position to meet the increased cost of living than heretofore.

The Board has been able, out of Relief income, to make grants to ministers, their wives and orphans to meet their needs during the year 1955.

13. That Paragraph 1 of the Official Plan of the Ministers' Annuity Fund be amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

A member shall have the option of retirement on age at any time after attaining age 60. On the election of this option he shall receive an annual retirement annuity benefit beginning as of the date of such retirement in a reduced amount which will be the actuarial equivalent, as determined by the Board of Annuities and Relief of the annuity otherwise payable on retirement at age 65. The minimum benefit, under Paragraph 2 or Paragraph 3 of the Plan will not apply.

The election of this reduced annuity will not alter the widow's and children's benefits. Once an annuity is established under this option it remains the basic annuity to which additional annuity credits may be added if the member returns to active service.

14. That the work of the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated, not be merged with the work of the Board of Annuities and Relief for the following reasons:

(a) The importance of the work of the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated, is so great that it cannot be absorbed by the present organization of the Board of Annuities and Relief and have justice done from a promotional standpoint to the work of the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated.

(b) Because the present work of the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated, is so unrelated to the present activities of the Board of Annuities and Relief that a successful prosecution of the work of the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated, by the Board of Annuities and Relief would necessitate the setting up of another division of the work of the Board, which would entail an expense perhaps not agreeable to the General Assembly.

15. That overture 53 be answered in the negative.

16. That the articles of incorporation of the Board of Annuities and Relief be amended by means of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the articles of incorporation of the Board of Annuities, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Inc., the General Assembly has the power to amend such articles; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that such articles be amended to change the principal place of business in Kentucky of said corporation and to name a resident agent for service in Kentucky:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Articles of Incorporation of the Board of Annuities and Relief, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Inc. be amended so that its principal place of business shall be in Kentucky, Kentucky Home Life Building, c/o C. T. Corporation System, Louisville 2, Kentucky; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that its authorized agent in Kentucky shall be C. T. Corporation System, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville, Kentucky.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of said corporation be and it is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the foregoing amendments to the charter of the Board of Annuities and Relief, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Inc.

17. That the General Assembly approve the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee which nominates to the Class of 1958 on the Board of Annuities and Relief Will M. Richardson, Tyler, Texas; the Rev. W. E. Phifer, Jr.; the Rev. George H. Vick; C. W. Bailey, Clarksville, Tennessee; Miss Miriam Schmidt, San Antonio, Texas; and the Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr.

18. That the General Assembly commend the diligence and dedication of the staff

of the Board of Annuities and Relief, and that the General Assembly express its confidence in the leadership of its new Executive Secretary of the Board of Annuities and Relief, Mr. Charles J. Currie.

Respectfully submitted,
A. WALTON LITZ, *Chairman*
C. R. SLIDER, *Secretary*

The Assembly adopted a resolution designating and appointing "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. . . . as the agent and trustee of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and vesting it with the title to and right to possession of, and full power and authority to receive, receipt for, hold, manage, use and dispose of the assets constituting the residuary portion of the Estate of Calvin T. Young, deceased, late of Plant City, Florida, in accordance with the charter of said corporation, upon the various trusts set forth in said will."

Mr. Lewis H. Hill was approved as the attorney to represent the interests of the General Assembly in the court proceedings involved in the Calvin T. Young bequest.

Rev. J. Phillips Noble, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Women's Work which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

Referred to this Committee were the following:

1. The Report of the Board of Women's Work.
2. The Minutes of the Board.
3. The report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relative to the Board of Women's Work.

The Committee heard an oral summary of the 43rd Annual Report of the Board of Women's Work by Dr. Janie McGaughey, Executive Secretary of the Board, and Miss Louise A. Davidson, Chairman of the Board.

Other members of the Board and Staff, and the Chairman of the Women's Advisory Council were present and aided in the presentation of the work.

The Committee calls to the attention of the General Assembly some items in the splendid work in the year 1954: An increase during the year of 80 new Women of the Church organizations, a total of 3,238, with a total of 326,929 women enlisted. The gifts of the Women of the Church have increased to the total of $731,063 over the preceding year, bringing the total gifts of the Women of the Church to $3,434,762.

We call special attention to the fact that the gifts for benevolences are nearly double those for the local church work of the women.

The committee would like especially to commend Dr. Janie McGaughey and the members of her staff for the thoroughness with which they have done their work and for their constant awareness of church-wide responsibilities.

The Forward Look which always characterizes the Women of the Church should be and is an inspiration to those working in every department of our church.

Recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly express its grateful appreciation to Dr. Janie McGaughey for the capable leadership she is giving to the work of the Women of the Church and that the General Assembly stand at this time as a tribute to her.

2. That the attention of the General Assembly be called to the fact that the gifts to the General Fund were not sufficient to give the Board of Women's Work the budget as approved by the General Assembly, and thus did not enable the Board of Women's Work to meet all the opportunities for expanding their work.

3. That the minutes of the Board of Women's Work be approved.

4. The Board of Women's Work is encouraging the women to visit for the purpose

of enlisting all the women of our Church to avail themselves of the blessings which will come from a more active work in the church. We commend them for this and suggest that they continue to encourage the women of our churches to be more zealous in going to others in their communities who are not Christians to win them to Christ.

5. That the women of every local church be encouraged to participate fully in the plans which have been developed cooperatively by all the boards and agencies of the Church, for the second-year emphasis of the Forward With Christ Movement, Christian Family Life. As a means to this end, we urge every session to include representatives of the Women of the Church on committees or councils which plan for congregation-wide activities in the field of Christian Family Life.

6. That the General Assembly admonish individual sessions of the obligations of their office concerning whole-hearted, active co-operation with the Women of the Church through a sessional committee which will help to insure this cooperation.

7. That the following, nominated by the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly to the Board of Women's Work, whose terms expire in 1958, be elected.

Rev. James Sprunt	Raleigh, N. C.
Mrs. Joseph G. Walker	Forest City, N. C.
Mrs. H. B. Whitaker	Petersburg, Tenn.
Mrs. A. R. Craig	Rutherfordton, N. C.
Mrs. Helen Vass	Orlando, Florida
Mrs. Morrell De Reign	Caruthersville, Mo.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PHILLIPS NOBLE, *Chairman*
PALMER WM. DELOTEUS, *Secretary*

Rev. A. H. Hollingsworth, Jr., presented the report of the Standing Committee of The General Council which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The following matters have been considered by this Committee:

I. The Minutes of the General Council
II. The Annual Report of the General Council.
III. Overture 22.
IV. A communication from Rev. Malcolm Calhoun, Secretary of the Division of Christian Relations.
V. Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee.
VI. Committee Resolutions.

I. The Minutes of the General Council

Your Committee has reviewed the Minutes of the General Council for the year 1954 and recommends their approval.

II. Recommendations From and Growing Out of the Annual Report of the General Council

The Standing Committee recommends the approval of the following recommendations:

A. STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION

1. That the Stewardship Emphasis Season begin October 1, 1956 and continue through November 18, 1956, with November 11 being designated as Every Member Canvass Day, with the theme of the Canvass being "Christ—First—Now."

2. Since Stewardship is an integral part of the Christian experience, churches should be reminded that it is something more than underwriting the annual budget of the church. "The Stewardship Committee in the Local Church," available without cost from the General Council, offers helpful suggestions on how this cause may be kept continually before the people. "Planning and Promoting the Every Member Canvass," a manual on canvass procedure, was distributed to all pastors last year, and additional copies are available, at a nominal price, from the General Council.

3. There is often a wide difference in the amount of benevolences accepted by a church

and the amount apportioned to it by Presbytery's Stewardship Committee or Council. This is usually due to a lack of understanding on the part of the officers of the church. We believe this can be overcome by members of the Presbytery's Committee or Council visiting each church and explaining the benevolence program and the crippling effect of the failure of each church to carry its proportionate share of the benevolence responsibility. We, therefore, recommend that an *Every CHURCH Canvass* be conducted by Presbytery's Stewardship Committee or Council with appropriate materials prepared by the General Council.

The *Every CHURCH Canvass* is not intended to supplant or succeed the Stewardship Conferences which many presbyteries are now conducting with marked succes in training elders, deacons and key laymen in local churches to meet their stewardship responsibilities and opportunities.

B. FINANCE

4. The total askings of the agencies for 1956 were approximately $600,000 more than the budget being recommended. After careful study and deliberation, we are recommending a budget for 1956 of $6,545,073 as follows:

Agency		*Budget, 1956*
Board of World Missions		$3,300,000.00
Board of Church Extension		1,400,000.00
Board of Christian Education		535,180.00
Board of Annuities and Relief		441,817.00
The General Fund:		846,581.00
Board of Women's Work	$132,326.00	
The General Council	144,655.00	
Assembly's Training School	185,000.00	
*Montreat	168,000.00	
Stillman College	150,000.00	
Historical Foundation	23,100.00	
American Bible Society	37,500.00	
Administrative Expense	6,000.00	
Inter-Church Agencies:		21,495.00
National Council	10,200.00	
World Council	8,295.00	
Lord's Day Alliance	1,000.00	
Religion in American Life	2,000.00	
Total		$6,545,073.00

*$50,000 of this amount is for Montreat College.

5. That the foregoing budget be apportioned to the synods on the basis of ⅓ for membership, ⅓ on contributions to the Assembly's agencies for the last three years, and ⅓ on total contributions, less building expense, for the last three years, as follows:

APPORTIONMENT TO SYNODS — 1956 BUDGET

	Total Apportionment 100%	World Missions 50.8%	Church Extension 21.5%	Christian Education 8.2%	Annuities and Relief 6.8%	General Fund 12.3%	Inter-Church Agencies .4%
Alabama	$ 278,265	$140,245	$ 59,549	$22,818	$18,644	$ 36,175	$ 834
Appalachia	400,382	201,792	85,682	32,832	26,825	52,050	1,201
Arkansas	163,627	82,468	35,016	13,417	10,963	21,272	491
Florida	459,810	231,745	98,399	37,705	30,807	59,775	1,379
Georgia	511,022	257,555	109,358	41,904	34,238	66,434	1,533
Kentucky	207,376	104,518	44,378	17,005	13,894	26,959	622
Louisiana	240,158	121,040	51,394	19,693	16,090	31,221	720
Mississippi	283,075	142,670	60,578	23,212	18,966	36,800	849
Missouri	187,079	94,288	40,035	15,340	12,534	24,321	561
N. Carolina	1,088,330	548,518	232,903	89,243	72,918	141,483	3,265
Oklahoma	45,502	22,933	9,737	3,732	3,049	5,915	136
S. Carolina	477,488	240,654	102,182	39,154	31,992	62,074	1,432

Tennessee	290,532	146,428	62,174	23,824	19,465	37,769	872
Texas	818,727	412,638	175,207	67,136	54,855	106,435	2,456
Virginia	826,697	416,655	176,913	67,789	55,389	107,471	2,480
W. Virginia	267,963	135,053	57,344	21,973	17,954	34,835	804

In making the foregoing recommendation as to the apportionments, we would assure the Church that the Budget and Stewardship Committee has most carefully studied the budgets of all of the agencies. We consider the amounts recommended above to be the absolute minimum amounts needed for the security of our work. It is, therefore, highly essential that all efforts be concerted to see that the full amount is secured for each agency. In addition to the amounts recommended above for the agencies of the General Assembly, we would call the attention of every congregation to the needs of its Synod's and Presbytery's agencies, as represented by the amount apportioned to it by the Presbytery's Stewardship Committee or Council. This responsibility should be fully met before over and above gifts are made to any cause or causes.

The General Assembly reaffirms its position that the foregoing apportionments shall be the total minimum amount expected from the Church by the Every Member Canvass and supplementary gifts, and recommends that each church choose either of the following methods best suited to raise its funds:

(a) By including in its local budget a certain portion of its benevolence apportionment to be contributed through the budget, with the balance to be secured by supplementary offerings to certain causes, or

(b) By including the total apportionment in the budget without supplementary offerings.

In making the above statement, the General Council would call attention to the Church, and to local congregations, that the annual Birthday Offering of the Women of the Church, the Negro Work Campaign, and the Easter Offering are not for budgeted causes and should be handled as special offerings separate and apart from the budget.

As the work of the Church must go on throughout the year, we urge all local church treasurers and central treasurers to remit their benevolences as collected—monthly if possible. This will enable our agencies to meet fixed monthly obligations without the necessity of borrowing money.

6. That a special Easter offering be received for alleviating suffering and need in the name of Christ throughout the world; the funds to be administered by the Board of World Missions through its Department of Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid for work not included in their budget, working cooperatively with Protestant denominations in Church World Service, C.R.O.P. and the World Council of Churches.

7. That if the budget of the Historical Foundation (in the General Fund for $23,100.00) is not secured, the deficit be taken care of by the Office of the General Assembly.

C. PROGRAM

8. That October, 1957 be approved as the date for the Presbyterian Men's Convention in Miami, Florida.

9. That December 27-30, 1957 be approved as the tentative dates for the Sixth Quadrennial Youth Convention.

10. That the program emphasis for 1958 be "The Church."

11. That the General Assembly appoint an Ad Interim Committee to prepare a Manual setting forth a suggested organizational plan for the operation of the local church under the Session.

12. That the General Assembly urge every church to enlist and participate in the "Forward With Christ" program.

13. That the General Council secure from the churches as much information as possible at the end of the first six months of the "Forward With Christ" program, and issue a progress report through its Executive Secretary.

14. That the General Assembly urge the widest reading and study of the symposium of Christian Higher Education as edited by Dr. DeWitt Reddick. This book will be

available from the division of Higher Education during the year of emphasis on Christian Higher Education which has been set by the Assembly for 1956.

15. That the following calendar of special days and seasons be adopted:

CALENDAR RECOMMENDATIONS, 1956-57

1956	*1957*	
Jan. 1-31	Jan. 1-31	Christian Relations Season
Jan. 8	Jan. 13	Stillman College Sunday
Jan. 29	Jan. 27	Assembly's Youth Sunday
Jan. 29-Feb. 5	Jan. 27-Feb. 3	*Community Youth Week
Feb. 5-Mar. 4	Feb. 3-Mar. 3	World Mission Study Season
Feb. 12	Feb. 10	*Race Relations Sunday
Feb. 17	Mar. 8	*World Day of Praper
Feb. 19	Feb. 17	*Day of Prayer for Students Around the World
Feb. 26-Mar. 4	Feb. 24-Mar. 3	Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions
Mar. 5-Apr. 1	Mar. 4-Apr. 21	Special Evangelistic Season
Apr. 1-30	Apr. 1-30	Christian Higher Education Season
Apr. 1	Apr. 21	Easter—Special Offering for Relief of World Need and Suffering
Apr. 8	Apr. 28	Assembly's Training School Day
Apr. 15	Apr. 28	*National Christian College Day (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges)
Apr. 22-28	Apr. 21-27	Religious Paper Week
May 6-13	May 5-12	*Christian Family Week
May 20	May 19	*Rural Life Sunday
May 20	June 9	Pentecost
May 27	May 26	Day of Prayer for the General Assembly
June 1-30	June 1-30	General Fund Agencies Season
June 3	June 2	Montreat Sunday
July 1	June 30	Citizenship Sunday
Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Evangelism Season
Sept. 1-30	Sept. 1-29	Religious Education Season
Sept. 24-Oct. 21	Sept. 23-Oct. 20	Church Extension Season
Sept. 30	Sept. 29	Rally Day
Sept. 30-Oct. 7	Sept. 29-Oct. 6	Religious Education Week
Oct. 1-Nov. 18	Oct. 14-Nov. 17	Stewardship and E.M.C. Season
Oct. 7	Oct. 6	*World-Wide Communion Sunday
Oct. 14-21	Oct. 13-20	Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Church Extension
Oct. 21	Oct. 20	*Laymen's Sunday
Oct. 28	Oct. 27	*Reformation Sunday
Nov. 4-11	Nov. 3-10	*Presbyterian Survey Week*—Official Presbyterian Magazine
Nov. 11	Nov. 10	Every Member Canvass Day
Nov. 18	Nov. 24	Homes
Nov. 25	Dec. 1	Evangelism Sunday (First Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Dec. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Annuities and Relief
Dec. 9	Dec. 8	*Universal Bible Sunday
Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Joy Gift for Ministerial Relief
Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Dec. 30	Dec. 29	Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication Day)

*Interdenominational Days

MONTHLY AND SEASONAL EMPHASES

1956 and 1957

January	Christian Relations
February	World Missions
March	Evangelism
April	Christian Higher Education
May	
June	General Fund Agencies
July	Christian Citizenship
August	Evangelism
September	Religious Education
October	Church Extension
November	Stewardship and Every Member Canvass
December	Annuities and Relief

D. PUBLICITY

16. That the General Assembly call the attention of the ministers and churches to the fact that successful publicity by our churches and by the denomination as a whole can be achieved only when the minister is aware of the benefits to be gained from adequate church publicity and when local volunteer workers are appointed to publicize the work of the church locally and to serve as the eyes and ears of the Publicity Department in telling the story throughout the denomination and the nation.

17. That the highly successful News Clinics which have been held during the past months be continued in various areas of the Church and that their great value be commended by the Assembly to our local churches and ministers, looking to maximum collaboration in such vital educational projects between the press and the church.

E. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18. The 1954 General Assembly directed "that the General Council study the advisability of the Assembly's electing one or two alternate members to the Boards of the Church to serve in the event of vacancies occurring in the Boards between meetings of the General Assembly."

We recommend that this suggestion be answered in the negative because of the practical difficulties this would involve for the Permanent Nominating Committee which seeks to keep a balance in the membership of all Boards as to areas, ministers, laymen and women.

19. The 1954 General Assembly requested the General Council "to make overtures to proper authorities looking forward to changing Race Relations Sunday to a day that would not conflict with Scout Sunday."

The General Council recommends the following reply: Race Relations Sunday is an interdenominational day and is observed on variable dates. This is also true of Scout Sunday. In addition, it is true that Scout Sunday can be observed either at the beginning or end of Scout Week. We, therefore, consider it inadvisable to request such a change.

F. GENERAL

20. (a) That the General Council discontinue its Committee on Research as now set up, and that proper change be made in the Manual of the Council.

(b) That the General Council hereafter be made responsible for initiating needed research in any area of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Boards and Agencies whose work is involved, and that for such work special committees be set up as required with necessary funds provided by the General Council.

(c) That the Boards and Agencies themselves be encouraged to continue such research as they now find needed in their particular areas of responsibility.

21. That this Assembly commend to its constituent presbyteries for their consideration the following procedure: That the Presbytery keep before the Pastor and the Session of each local church its primary responsibility for support of the official program of the Church, including its regular benevolence causes.

III. OVERTURES

We recommend that Overture 22, from the Presbytery of Brazos, concerning the printing in full of the proposed budgets of the Boards and Agencies of the General Assembly, be answered in the negative for the following reasons:

1. The cost seems almost prohibitive to warrant printing of this additional information, for it would require nearly 100 pages of additional printed materials.
2. Such detailed information has always been available upon request from the Boards and Agencies.

IV. COMMUNICATION

The request from the Division of Christian Relations has been answered by the amendment of the Calendar as requested.

V. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

No terms of members expire this year, but the name of Rev. Harry A. Fifield is recommended by the Permanent Nominating Committee to replace the Rev. P. D. Miller in the Class of 1958.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

1. The following resolution was referred to the Standing Committee:

"Whereas the General Assembly of 1953 approved the moving of the Board of Annuities and Relief from Louisville, Kentucky, to Atlanta, Georgia, and

"Whereas at negligible cost to the Church convenient and economical headquarters for the agencies of the Church, worth today approximately $300,000, have been provided for the housing of the agencies, and

"Whereas the central locating of the agencies now in Atlanta has effected administrative economies to the Church and saving the time and energy of the Church employees connected with the agencies, and

"Whereas, there is reason to believe that the locating of other agencies of the Church at the Presbyterian Center in Atlanta would prepare the way for the erection of a commodious office building for the agencies of which the Church might well be proud and at a small, if any, ultimate cost to the Church,

"Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly appoint an Ad Interim Committee to be named by the Moderator to survey the problems connected with the locating of other agencies in Atlanta and that agencies not now located in Atlanta be requested to withhold plans for expansion or enlargement of their investments in their present sites until they have the benefit of the findings of said Ad Interim Committee."

The Standing Committee on the General Council has considered the above resolution and recommends that it be answered in the negative.

2. The following resolution was adopted by the Committee:

(a) That we commend the General Council for its aggressive leadership in promoting the benevolence program of the Church, and for making available to the churches materials which continue to undergird our Stewardship Program.

(b) That we express our appreciation to the staff of the General Council for assuming the additional responsibility in the promotion of the "Forward With Christ" Program.

(c) That as a part of our report we hear Rev. J. Davison Philips, pastor of the Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia, for twenty minutes on the "Forward With Christ" Program.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. HOLLINGSWORTH, JR., *Chairman*
PAUL H. RICHARDS, *Secretary*

In accordance with recommendation 3 of this report, Rev. Davison Philips spoke on the "Forward With Christ" Program.

After being led in prayer by Rev. E. T. Thompson, the Assembly recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. M. Boyce.

Rev. J. Wayte Fulton, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing

Committee on the Office of the General Assembly which was adopted as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I. *REFERENCES*

This committee has taken cognizance of the following items referred to it:

1. Communications from (a) the First National Bank of Atlanta relating to the authorization for the proper signing of checks by either, or both, E. C. Scott as treasurer and Archie C. Smith, assistant treasurer; and (b) from the County Judges' Court, Hillsboro County, Florida, relating to the will of Dr. Calvin T. Young and a resolution pertaining thereto from Mr. F. L. Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustees of The General Assembly.

2. Overtures: 16, 17, 59 and 18 from the Presbyteries of Memphis, Nashville, Columbia and the Synod of Oklahoma, respectively, relating to the change in the date for the time of the meeting of The General Assembly; 15, from the Presbytery of Florida, relating to changing the date of the Church year; 19, from the Presbytery of New Orleans relating to a column for building expenditures in the Session's Annual Statistical Report; 20 from the Presbytery of Potomac relating to the rearranging of the statistical report of churches so as to show membership gains and losses; 76 from the Presbytery of Westminster concerning insertion of a column in the statistical summaries indicating the number of members placed on the inactive roll each year.

3. Reports of Trustees

(1) Report of the Trustees of The General Assembly and the Presbyterian Foundation. (2) The Executive Committee on Historical Foundation.

4. The Report of the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

5. Recommendation No. 1 re. North American area, World Presbyterian Alliance, in the report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union.

6. The Minute Book of the Permanent Committee on the Office of The General Assembly.

7. The Report of the Permanent Committee on Nominations relating to the Office of the General Assembly.

8. The following audits:

(1) Trustees of the General Assembly.
(2) Treasurer of the General Assembly.
(3) Treasurer of the General Fund.
(4) Treasurer of the Manley Estate.
(5) Treasurer of the Board of World Missions.
(6) Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension.
(7) Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education.
(8) Treasurer of the Board of Annuities and Relief.
(9) Treasurer of the Board of Women's Work.
(10) Treasurer of the General Council.
(11) Treasurer of the Mountain Retreat Association.
(12) Treasurer of the Historical Foundation.
(13) Treasurer of Stillman College.

9. The manuscript of Frank M. Beatty of Abbeville, Louisiana, entitled "The Office of the Clerk of Session."

II. *RECOMMENDATIONS*

A. Historical Foundation

That the report of the Trustees of the Historical Foundation be approved (See Appendix, Page 128) and its recommendations adopted:

1. That the gratitude of the Church be formally expressed by the General Assembly to the Mountain Retreat Association for provision of quarters for the Historical Foundation for more than a quarter-century past;

2. That each minister of the Church be urged to locate and secure for the collections

of the Foundation such suitable items as may be found within the bounds of his congregation.

B. Office of the General Assembly and Overtures.
That the report of the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be approved and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That the standing rule on the Stated Clerk, (rule 3 (3) on page 201 of 1954 Minutes) be amended to read as follows:

In event the office of Stated Clerk becomes vacated for any reason, the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall nominate to the Moderator a person to serve as Acting Stated Clerk, and after consideration of such nomination, the Moderator shall appoint an Acting Stated Clerk to perform the duties of the Stated Clerk until his successor has been elected and qualified to serve.

2. The Permanent Committee directs the attention of the Assembly to the fact that in the Plan of Reorganization adopted by the 1949 Assembly, executive secretaries and other responsible staff members of Boards and Committees are elected by the Boards themselves and confirmed by the General Assembly. This insures that the selection of such staff personnel shall be made with the greatest care by the responsible Board concerned, and also provides for appropriate oversight by the Board of such staff members.

In the case of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly it is provided in the Plan that he shall be elected by the Assembly and shall serve as its agent, particularly at the annual meeting, but the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly was set up to provide oversight for this office, and to direct its work ad interim.

In order to meet the two requirements of (a) the election by the Court of its clerk, and at the same time (b) incorporating the experience of the Permanent Committee in properly maintaining its oversight, your Committee recommends that, without diminishing the prerogative of the General Assembly to elect its Stated Clerk, the General Assembly give consideration to the possibility of so incorporating the experience of the Permanent Committee in maintaining the office, by allowing the Permanent Committee to nominate to the Assembly the Stated Clerk. It is understood, of course, that further nominations before the Assembly would always be in order. It is understood further that such arrangement would take effect only after the vacating of the position of Stated Clerk by our present honored incumbent.

The Permanent Committee further recommends that the Assembly again, as it did in 1936, abolish the office of Assistant Stated Clerk, and that the Stated Clerk be given the privilege of nominating to the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for its approval an Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

It is recommended further that the Permanent Committee be given authority to amend its manual to cover this arrangement.

3. That the General Assembly revise Section Three of the Manual of the Permanent Committee as follows:

SECTION THREE

I. The work of the Permanent Committee shall be carried out, largely and ordinarily, through the medium of regular and special committees of its membership.
1. At the first meeting of the Permanent Committee after each meeting of the General Assembly the following regular committees shall be constituted: an Executive Committee and Committees on Finances, Nominations, Promotion, and the Statistical Reports.
A. Executive Committee . . . . .
B. Committee on Finance . . . . .
C. Committee on Promotion . . . . .
D. Committee on Nominations . . . . .
(1) Nominating to the Permanent Committee, in its first meeting after each meeting of the General Assembly, a Chairman and Vice Chairman.
(2) Nominating to the Permanent Committee, in its first meeting after each meeting of the General Assembly, members of the Permanent Committee to serve on its Executive Committee and on its Committees on Finance, Promotion, and the Statistical Reports.

E. Committee on the Statistical Reports. This subcommittee shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members, elected at large from the membership of the Permanent Committee. It shall be charged with the following duties:

(1) To consider, and to make recommendations concerning, any communication or question relative to the form, data, and publication of the annual statistical reports of churches and presbyteries to the General Assembly, provided such communication or question has been referred to it by the Permanent Committee or by the Executive Committee, and,

(2) To submit to the Permanent Committee any other recommendation it may wish to propose concerning these annual statistical reports.

4. That the budget for General Assembly in 1955 be $108,000.

5. That the special cumulative fund of $2,000 per year include expenditures for our representatives to all meetings of the National Council of Churches.

6. That overture 15 from the Presbytery of Florida be answered in the negative for the reason that the present church year corresponding to the calendar year has not been observed for a sufficient length of time to be properly evaluated.

7. That overture 19 from the Presbytery of New Orleans be answered in the negative, but with the recommendation that it be referred to the permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, for the addition of a column to the annual reports, showing "actual building receipts."

8. That overture 20 from the Presbytery of Potomac be answered in the negative, but with the recommendation that a column on "losses" only, be added to the annual report.

9. That overture 21 from the Presbytery of Florida be answered in the negative inasmuch as information on the salaries paid the pastors is available from the Office of the General Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, and the Office of the General Council.

10. That overture 76 from the Presbytery of Westminster be answered in the negative.

11. That an affirmative answer be given to overtures 16, 17, 59 and 18 from the Presbyteries of Memphis, Asheville, Columbia and the Synod of Oklahoma, respectively, and that the last week in April be established as the *normal* date for the meeting of the General Assembly.

12. That Montreat as a frequent meeting place for the General Assembly as in years past be given due consideration in all planning even with this suggested earlier date.

13. That the General Assembly go on a self-sustaining basis in the matter of entertainment, and that the per capita tax be established at 16 cents for 1956.

14. That the Standing Rules be amended so as to provide that the Permanent Committee on The Office of the General Assembly shall be authorized to set the place of meeting of the General Assembly each year, after giving due opportunity for any congregations or communities to present invitations for the General Assembly to meet with them. Further that it be the policy of the Committee on The Office of The General Assembly to select places of meeting in different parts of the Church from time to time when circumstances seem to warrant it.

15. That recommendation number 1 of Permanent Committee on Cooperation & Union—"that the General Assembly provide the support for the North American Area of the World Presbyterian Alliance in the amount of 5 mills per capita"—be approved.

16. That the Minute Book of the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be approved.

17. That the Treasurer's Reports listed herein, all of which have been audited by Certified Public Accountants, be approved.

18. That Rev. Archie C. Smith be authorized to sign checks properly drawn on the Office of the General Assembly and the General Fund.

C. General

19. That the Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Foundation be approved. (See Appendix, Page 98).

20. That the resolution as submitted by Dr. F. L. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, be approved.

21. That Attorney Louis H. Hill, Jr., of Tampa, Florida, be employed to represent the interests of the General Assembly in Court proceedings in the State of Florida in regard to the Calvin T. Young Estate.

22. That the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be authorized to distribute a brief synopsis of the proposed book on "The Clerk of the Session" by Frank M. Beatty of Abbeville, Louisiana, to ascertain thereby if there is sufficient demand for a publication such as this as to warrant printing it.

23. That the nominees suggested by the Permanent Nominating Committee be elected as follows:

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Rev. Felix B. Gear ..... Decatur, Georgia
Rev. Frank P. Anderson ..... St. Petersburg, Florida
Rev. D. R. Greenhoe ..... Sweetwater, Tennessee
Mr. Ralph E. Wilgus ..... Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. John V. Matthews ..... Fayetteville, Tennessee
Mr. McAlister Carson, Sr. ..... Charlotte, North Carolina

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Mr. T. S. McPheeters ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Mr. C. Grattan Price ..... Harrisonburg, Virginia
Rev. J. Cecil Lawrence ..... Charlotte, North Carolina

TRUSTEES OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Mr. Charles D. Parker ..... Asheville, North Carolina
Dr. Hamilton W. McKay ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Rev. Dwight M. Chalmers ..... Box 1176, Richmond 9, Virginia

Whose Term Expires in 1956

Rev. Wm. T. McElroy ..... Louisville, Kentucky
to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Rev. John A. Redhead, Jr.

24. That additional assistants to the Temporary Clerks be secured to act as tellers and thereby expedite the balloting for Moderator and for such other balloting as may be indicated.

25. That the Rev. E. C. Scott and all those associated with him in the Office of the General Assembly be cited for continued excellence in the able administration of the affairs of this office, and for the benefit which thereby accrued to our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WAYTE FULTON, JR., *Chairman*
S. P. RICCOBENE, *Secretary*

Rev. Massey Mott Heltzel, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on The Minister and His Work which was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The following matters were referred to this Committee:

1. Overtures 43 and 67.

2. Report of the Assembly's Permanent Committee. (See Appendix, Page 156.)

3. The minutes of the Permanent Committee.

4. The recommendations of the Permanent Judical Committee with regard to overture 43 to this Assembly and overture 62 to the 1954 Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Standing Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the recommendation of the Permanent Judical Committee that overture 43, and overture 62 to the 1954 Assembly be referred to the Ad Interim committee on revision of the Book of Church Order, be adopted.

2. That overture 67 be answered in the negative, with the suggestion to presbyteries that they study annually the compensation of ministers and other paid workers in the churches within their bounds, with a view to correcting any inadequacies that may exist.

3. That the recommendation of the Permanent Committee dealing with Church Surveys be adopted.

4. That the recommendation of the Permanent Committee dealing with regional and Synod conferences be adopted.

5. That the request of the Permanent Committee dealing with ministers coming into the Presbyterian Church, U.S., from other denominations, be approved with this amendment: that after the words, "the usual objective information" there be added, in order to explain and clarify, "(the Data Form for ministers provided by the Permanent Committee)."

6. That the recommendation which originated with the General Council be deleted from the report of this committee since it will be dealt with by the Standing Committee on the General Council.

7. That the recommendation of the Permanent Committee dealing with ministers guilty of moral violations be adopted with this revision: that each presbytery and each session be equally zealous in condemning public offenses of men in the ministry and in condemning unproved charges of public offenses against them, in accord with the Rules of Discipline of the Book of Church Order.

8. That the recommendation of the Permanent Committee concerning "fringe benefits" be adopted, and that ministers be reminded that there is a time limit on their decision to participate in Federal Social Security and that they consult immediately their local Social Security Authority.

9. That the recommendation of the Permanent Committee concerning appropriation for 1955 be adopted.

10. That pastors and pastorless churches avail themselves of the materials and services supplied by the Assembly's Permanent Committee on the Minister and His Work.

The minutes of the Permanent Committee were read and found in order. The Standing Committee approves the use of co-opted members by the Permanent Committee and the tribute to the late the Reverend F. W. A. Bosch. We heartily commend the Permanent Committee, Rev. Charles Haddon Nabers, Chairman, and Mr. R. Graham White, Secretary, for its faithful and efficient service to the church.

MASSEY MOTT HELTZEL, *Chairman*
ARTHUR FIELD, *Secretary*

Rev. C. Ellis Nelson, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations which was adopted by a unanimous vote and is as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

I.

The following communications were placed in the hands of the committee:

1. A report from the Executive Secretary in the U. S. of the World Council of Churches.

2. A report from the general secretary of the World Presbyterian Alliance.

3. Overtures numbered: 23-42, 51, 54, 55, 61, 66, 72-75.

4. The report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union and a dissent to a portion of the report by Dr. G. T. Gillespie and T. H. Stukes, and the report of the Ad Interim committee on the 250th Anniversary of the First Presbytery.

5. The vote of the presbyteries on the plan of union.

6. The report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to representatives to the National Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, and the North American Area, World Presbyterian Alliance.

II.

Speakers for the Sunday afternoon program of the permanent committee were the following fraternal delegates: Dr. C. Ralston Smith, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; Dr. W. Scott McMunn, the United Presbyterian Church of North America; and Dr. R. C. Grier, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod. Dr. John R. Cunningham and Col. Francis P. Miller, representatives to the World Council of Churches, also addressed the Assembly.

III.

The following nominations are made:

1. Representatives to the National Council of Churches

GENERAL BOARD OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

Principals	Alternates
Whose Term Expires in 1957	
Senator Kerr Scott (N.C.) to replace Mr. W. W. Akers	
Whose Terms Expire in 1959	
Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr.	Rev. Wm. V. Gardner
Mr. Richard A. Farnsworth	Mr. Ed Edens

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

Whose Terms Expire in 1961	
Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr.	Rev. Wm. V. Gardner
Judge W. O. Murray (San Antonio)	Rev. W. F. Mansell
Mrs. D. R. Freeman, Concord, Tenn.	Rev. M. A. Macdonald

2. Representatives to the World Council of Churches

Whose Terms Expire in 1958	
Rev. John R. Cunningham	Dr. E. D. Grant
Mrs. W. H. Hopper	Miss Janie McCutchen

3. Representatives to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System.

Whose Terms Expire in 1961	
Dr. Henry M. Brimm	Rev. R. T. L. Liston
Rev. J. E. Cousar, Jr.	Rev. H. Louis Patrick
Rev. Kenneth Foreman	Rev. W. J. Gipson
Rev. W. T. McElroy	Rev. J. N. Brown

Whose Term Expires in 1959

Mrs. A. Walton Litz, Little Rock, Ark., replacing Rev. F. W. A. Bosch.

IV.

We hereby certify to the General Assembly that on the Categorical Question concerning the plan for union, our presbyteries voted: "Yes," 42; "No," 43; and "Tie," 1. Since a constitutional majority of our presbyteries failed to vote in the affirmative, the plan for union has failed of adoption.

V.

Reorganization and functions of the Permanent Committee:

In response to the recommendations in sections II and VI of the Report of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union (with the exception of Section VI, Recommendation 1) and to overtures 23-42, 51, 54, 55, 61, 66, 72-75, we recommend:

1. That the Committee on Cooperation and Union be dissolved with thanks for their faithfulness in carrying out the mandates of recent General Assemblies.

2. That the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church be thanked for their response to the invitation of our General Assembly to draw up a proposed plan of union, and especially for their readiness to enter into union with our Church on the basis of the plan developed by the committees of the three Churches.

3. That these two General Assemblies be informed that the rejection of the Plan of Union by the vote of the presbyteries of our Church is not to be interpreted as a lack of confidence in their Churches, or as a lack of desire for closer Christian fellowship; but is due to the conviction of a constitutional majority of our presbyteries that the interests of Christ can best be served by the continued existence of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., as an independent body.

4. That the General Assembly express the hope that the cooperative efforts between the three bodies which have developed through the years may be continued and extended as may seem desirable.

5. That the General Assembly authorize and encourage its Boards and other agencies to explore and carry out, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, as much joint and cooperative activity within the sphere of their responsibility as may advance the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. That a Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations be established which will be charged with all problems of interchurch relations, and more especially to consider and make reports concerning:

a. Ways and means for working with Presbyterian and other evangelical denominations in the many fields of common efforts.
b. The American Bible Society
c. Reformation Day
d. National Council of Churches of Christ
e. North America Area: World Presbyterian Alliance
f. World Council of Churches
g. Religion in American Life
h. Lord's Day Alliance

7. That the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations be composed of 19 members, 16 of whom shall be nominated to the General Assembly by their respective synods, one of whom shall be nominated by the Board of Women's Work; the other two shall be the current Moderator and Stated Clerk, *ex officiis*. These members, except for the Moderator and Stated Clerk, shall be divided by the committee itself into three classes, which shall serve normally for three years each. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive terms.

8. The individual members so nominated this coming year shall serve until ratified by the General Assembly of 1956. The committee shall come into existence when a majority of the synods have chosen their representatives. The committee shall be convened by the Moderator any time thereafter, if the need arises; otherwise as soon as practicable after the last of the sixteen synods has had an opportunity to choose its representative. The committee shall elect as its chairman someone other than the Moderator.

9. That the committee shall prepare its Manual of Procedure and submit it to the General Assembly of 1956 for approval.

10. (a) That the cost of travel and other expenses related to the work of the committee shall be defrayed from the treasury of the General Assembly.

(b) That expense accounts shall be submitted by members of the committee directly to the Office of General Assembly.

11. That the recommendations, 2-8a inclusive, 10 and 11, Section VI, made by the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union under the head of Cooperation, (See Appendix, Page 151), be referred to the appropriate Boards, courts, and other agencies for such action as they may deem wise.

12. That recommendation 8b in this same section be referred to the Board of Church Extension for such action as it may deem wise; and that the Board be authorized to

appoint a Committee on Comity, which shall be available for consultation with any presbytery, or synod, or their committee, if or when desired, and that this committee shall be authorized to meet with similar committees of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and of other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches when necessary, to consider problems of broad import in this field, and to make reports and recommendations to the General Assembly through the Board of Church Extension.

13. That Recommendation 9 under this same head be approved.

14. That in regard to Recommendation 12, the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations be authorized to appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary to carry out these projects.

VI.

REPORT OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

After discussion of the report, the following recommendations were approved for Assembly action:

1. That our churches be encouraged to study the message of the recent Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches along with some examination of the statistics, aims and purposes of the Council.

2. That we give thanks to God for the increased demonstration of fellowship and unity in Christ which transcends our national and denominational divisions.

3. That those delegates attending the meeting in Evanston last summer be given the opportunity for a brief report to the General Assembly.

4. That the appeal of the World Council be received as information and printed in the minutes of the Assembly. (See Appendix, Page 153.)

VII.

REPORT ON NORTH AMERICAN AREA, WORLD PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE:

We recommend that the report be received as information. (See Appendix, Page 152.)

VIII.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY:

Rev. I. Stuart McElroy, area director for the American Bible Society, introduced Rev. Robert Taylor of New York City. Dr. Taylor spoke to the committee concerning the work of the Society and its relation to our denomination.

We recommend:

1. That the report be received as information. (See Appendix, Pages 155, 156.)

2. That the Assembly hear Dr. Taylor for seven minutes.

3. That Worldwide Bible reading season (Thanksgiving to Christmas) be listed in our church calendar.

IX.

Reformation Day:

We recommend that Sunday, October 30, 1955, be observed as Reformation Day and that the theme, "Protestantism and the Christian Home," be suggested for sermons and special emphasis.

X.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CELEBRATION OF 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERY:

Your committee recommends the adoption of the first paragraph of the *Ad Interim* committee on 250th Anniversary of the First Presbytery with the following recommendations:

1. That the Moderator of the General Assembly attend this celebration with one other minister or layman to be designated by the Moderator, and that they be asked to report to the 1956 Assembly.

2. That the synods be encouraged to send representatives to the Anniversary Celebration, the expenses of each representative to be defrayed by the synod he represents.

3. That the General Assembly encourage synods and presbyteries to observe this celebration in appropriate manner.

4. That this report be received in lieu of Section VI, Recommendation 1, of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union.

XI

We further recommend:

1. That all agencies designated by the Assembly to report to this Committee file such a report annually with the Assembly. Failure to file a report will be interpreted by this committee to mean that no financial support is expected and this action will be reported to the General Council.

2. In view of the fact that agencies and committees reporting to this committee are required to send their financial requests to the General Council, and their plans for program and policy to this committee, thus separating elements that should be considered together for sound Assembly action, we recommend that the General Council consider the formulation of a plan whereby the Standing Committee may receive the total work and financial requests of the agencies under its purview.

C. ELLIS NELSON, *Chairman*
C. RODNEY SUNDAY, *Secretary*

Rev. Thomas M. Davis, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension which was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

Your Committee on Church Extension had placed in its hands the following: the Minutes Book of the Board of Church Extension, the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of Church Extension, the Annual Report of the Board of Church Extension, and Overture 71.

The Minutes Book of the Board was read, found in order and approved by this committee.

The report of the Board was reviewed by the Executive Secretary and those responsible for carrying out the work through the various Divisions. It was pointed out that the work of the Board is twofold. It is a missionary agency and a service agency. The greater part of its funds are used in the missionary phase of the work. The varied services rendered by the Board make it one of the valuable servants of the Church. A capable and consecrated staff is engaged in carrying through these services for which the Church has asked. Your committee wishes to commend these leaders for their devoted service.

THE DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS

Through the Missionary Support Department 54 of the 84 presbyteries asked for some type of support for the year 1954. In 1955, with one new presbytery added, 58 of the 85 will be aided in some way. Increasing demands will be made upon this department with the organization of more new churches. Only a small portion of the needs can be met with the resources available.

The unprecedented growth of our cities keeps the work of the Department of Urban Church ever before us. Surveys were made in eleven of our urban centers last year and many others are already scheduled for this year.

The Town and Country Church Department is suggesting the Larger Parish Plan as a practical solution to the vacancies in many of our smaller town and country churches. How this plan actually works in a group of six churches can be viewed in the new sound color movie, "Pilot Mountain." It is available through the Promotion Department.

A total of twenty Presbyterian U. S. churches were given first, second and third place awards as outstanding Rural Churches in 1954.

The Sunday School Extension Department offers the services of ten Sunday School Extension workers engaged in eleven synods.

The Church Architecture Department is only one year old, but it is already a veteran in its service to the Church. The consultant in this department has visited over 300

churches in the first year and has had requests for some type service from about 100 others. It is estimated that the department, through its consultant, has already saved the Church enough money to run the department for ten years.

The Department of Chaplain and Military Personnel continues to "Maintain the Tie" between the Church and her chaplains in the Armed Forces and Veterans Administration.

THE DIVISION OF EVANGELISM

"You Can Witness" is the thought this Division is constantly holding before the Church as it faces its chief task. We are reminded that we not only CAN but that we MUST witness to fulfill the very essence of our Christianity. The theme of the special evangelistic emphasis, "Find Life with God," is not only a challenge to the non-Christian, but a challenge to the entire church membership to realize the abundant life in partnership with God.

The Secretary and his Associate in this Division travelled throughout the Church offering specific help and encouragement in setting up and carrying through plans for retreats, conferences and other methods for stimulating interest in evangelism. Wide distribution was made of well-prepared literature and publicity materials for the Assembly-wide effort in March and April of 1955.

Something of the scope and depth of the work of this Division was observed in the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism. Thorough plans have already been made to help the Church in conserving its gains and integrating new members.

THE DIVISION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION

This Division is dedicated to the proposition of using every available means of propagating the Christian Gospel. The number of people reached by sound and film through the modern facilities of the Protestant Radio Center staggers the imagination. Some 750 programs on electronic tape are sent to radio stations every week. This well-equipped plant is already taxed to capacity.

We rejoice in the dedication of the Chapel Studio, the Memorial Organ and the Administrative Wing and other sections of the Center last January. These facilities were made possible through the Birthday Offering of the Women of the Church and other grants from foundations. We are grateful for the statesmanlike leadership our Secretary has exercised in making possible this important Protestant venture. Programs prepared in this Center are literally being heard and seen around the world.

This Division is administratively a part of the Board of Church Extension, but it is more and more becoming a channel of service for all the agencies of the General Assembly. The historical film "Heritage" which was shown at this Assembly meeting is the first of this kind to be produced through the Center, but others will be made in the future.

THE DIVISION OF NEGRO WORK

We record with a sense of deep loss the death in 1955 of Rev. Alex. R. Batchelor, the beloved Secretary of this Division. We thank God for the man and his ministry.

As evidence of healthy growth of the work in this Division, we note that since 1950 14 new Negro Churches have been organized, and plans are now under way for opening almost a dozen others. Of course, funds from the Negro Work Campaign are making possible the purchasing of lots and the building of these new churches.

We are happy to report to this Assembly that $1,416,452 has been paid in on the $2,000,000 Negro Work Campaign which was conducted in 1953. Proceeds from this effort are being divided equally between Stillman College and the Negro Work Division of this Board. Though deeply thankful for what has been done, we are disturbed at the way in which collections on these pledges are now falling off. An anonymous Foundation in the deep South has pledged itself to give the last $100,000 of this $2,000,000, provided our denomination pays in $1,900,000 by January 15, 1956—a date that is now only about seven months away. We will need nearly $500,000 by January 15 to qualify for that magnificent gift, and collections are actually running about $15,000 per month. Thus, it would appear that we may fall several hundred thousand dollars short of the amount necessary to claim this large Foundation gift. Your Standing Committee feels that this

would be an inexcusable and tragic failure on the part of a great Church. It is evident, from the information in the Campaign office, that many of our people have been disturbed by the segregation controversy following the Supreme Court decision of 1954, and that some are taking this occasion to cancel pledges which were made in all good faith. We believe it should be strongly stated that the original purpose for which these funds were requested in 1953 has not been changed by any events that have transpired since that time. All the money is going to Stillman College, our only school for Negroes and the Negro Work Division of this Board for the erection of Negro churches. We hope that the commissioners will take this message back to their presbyteries and do all in their power to see that enough money is sent in by January 15 to claim the $100,000 conditional gift. In light of the foregoing, we offer the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly reiterate its purpose to provide at least $2,000,000 for its only Negro college and for the erection of Negro Presbyterian Churches; that all our churches and individuals be urged to pay their pledges in full by January 15, 1956, if possible; and that those who made no pledges be urgently requested to send some gift to the Negro Work Campaign before the close of this church year.

We further recommend:

2. That the General Assembly approve the action of the Board of Church Extension in electing Rev. P. D. Miller of Atlanta, Ga., as its Executive Secretary, and that the Board be commended for its wise choice.

3. That the following be elected as members of the Board for a three-year term: Rev. George Mauze, Ralph A. Huie, Rev. Moses E. James, Rev. E. T. Thompson, Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Sr., Rev. W. H. Foster, Jr., and Rev. Albert C. Winn.

4. That the Church Extension Season, September 26—October 23, be observed as a time of rededication to the evangelistic and extension enterprise of the Church; that all pastors be requested to acquaint their people with the challenging opportunities now before the Church that call for an enlarged and sustained Church Extension advance; and that the entire Church be summoned to united and earnest prayer for all phases of the Church Extension Program.

5. That all organizations, Men's Groups, Women of the Church, Youth Fellowships and Sunday schools, be urged to make the largest possible use of the study season, September 26—October 23, using the recommended study books for all age groups, and the supplementary materials prepared by the Promotion Department of the Board.

6. That every church in the Assembly with its organizations be requested to observe October 16-23 as a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Church Extension and that every session be urged to arrange for a generous supplemental offering for this cause.

HOME MISSIONS

7. That a program of supplemental financing on the presbytery level, over and above the operating funds in the budgets, be commended to the presbyteries to meet the needs for:

(1) The erection of new churches
(2) The building of needed manses
(3) The improvement of present facilities.

Based on facts ascertained by a *survey*, planned by consecrated *business men*, in full cooperation with the Church Extension or Home Mission Committee, and implemented to secure gifts for capital investments, such a program can be used effectively to meet the needs and to seize the opportunities for expanding the Kingdom of God through our Church in areas of increasing population in our Southland.

8. That the General Assembly approve the raising of the limit on the Revolving Extension Fund from $500,000 (as authorized in 1946) to $1,000,000.

EVANGELISM

9. That a special expression of appreciation be made to the Division of Evangelism for its organization and presentation of the Pre-Assembly program which provided a spiritual atmosphere for the opening of our Assembly, and recommend that this Division

be requested to schedule a similar conference preceding the 96th General Assembly, and that all Commissioners and others in adjoining synods be urged to attend.

10. That the Church Extension Study Book on Evangelism *You Can Witness*, written by the Division Secretary, Dr. William H. McCorkle, be commended for general reading throughout the Church and for use in study classes.

11. That assimilation, to conserve and integrate new members, be the emphasis for the remaining months of 1955, and that specially prepared packets on assimilation be commended for church-wide use.

12. That the Councils of Evangelism in synods, presbyteries and local churches be urged to study and use the programs of Fellowship Evangelism and Youth to Youth Evangelism in individual church organizations and groups. (Materials available from the Division office)

13. That the following special seasons be designated:
(1) Evangelism Sunday, November 27, 1955.
(2) March and August, 1956 Evangelism months.
(3) March 5—April 1, 1956, special emphasis on evangelism through Family Visitation and Reclamation.

14. That every church be urged to accept the evangelistic goals suggested in the "Forward With Christ" program which calls for the reception into church membership of approximately one on profession of faith for every fifteen members and one on certificate for every seven members.

15. That the Pre-Easter Evangelistic Radio Series be commended to the synods.

16. That Communicant Classes for adults be recommended as a means of instructing new members in preparation for their reception; and that the newly prepared manual and leader's guide by Dr. J. M. Gettys, *Meet Your Church*, be commended for use in such classes.

17. That the Spiritual Life Retreats and Key City Plans in evangelism be continued in 1956.

18. That local churches be challenged to secure and forward information on members who have moved away since the preceding meeting of presbytery.

19. That local churches be alerted to the evangelistic opportunities in penal institutions, industrial organizations, hospitals and other frequently neglected areas.

20. That local churches be encouraged to cultivate a concern for the Jewish people, including them on responsibility lists.

21. That the following definition of evangelism be approved as the official statement of the Assembly as to the nature and scope of the work of the Division of Evangelism, and that it be commended to the churches as the goal of evangelistic endeavor: Evangelism is the presentation of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that men may put their trust in God through Him, accept Him as Savior and Lord, serve Him in the fellowship of the Church, and follow Him in the vocations of the common life.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

22. That all the agencies and institutions of our Church be advised of the scope of the services available through the Division of Radio and Television, using the facilities of the Protestant Radio and Television Center.

23. We recommend that Overture 71 regarding the promotion of a church-wide use of the film "Heritage" be answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS M. DAVIS, *Chairman*

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

Rev. Albert C. Winn, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Relations.

Rev. L. H. Eikel presented a Minority Report which failed of adoption as the substitute by a vote of 287-93.

The hour for recess being at hand the Assembly stood in recess until 8:00 p.m. being led in prayer by the Moderator.

FOURTH DAY

EVENING SESSION

The Assembly met at 8:30 o'clock with Rev. P. D. Miller, presiding and leading in prayer. After musical numbers rendered by the Ginter Park Choir, Rev. Claude H. Pritchard, Secretary of Division of Missions, introduced to the Assembly members of the Staff of Church Extension. Rev. P. D. Miller then presented Rev. J. McDowell Richards, our Moderator, who is Chairman of the Board of Church Extension. Dr. Richards spoke of the work of Church Extension as a team working for Christ and His Church.

After a musical number by the Ginter Park Choir, the Assembly was directed into a popular meeting of World Missions, Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr., Chairman of the Standing Committee on World Missions, presiding. Rev. C. Darby Fulton, Executive Secretary of World Missions, was presented and spoke of World Missions as a form of Church Extension. He then presented members of the Staff and Committee. Dr. E. D. Miner, Area Secretary of American Leprosy Missions, tendered Dr. Fulton an offering on behalf of the African Leper Colony.

Rev. Eugene Daniel, Candidate Secretary, presented several young appointees to Mission Fields who in turn spoke on "Why I am Going as a Missionary." Mr. Daniel then challenged the Assembly with an application of the "Forward With Christ" program. After prayer, by Rev. Wm. M. Elliott, Chairman of the Board of World Missions, the Assembly adjourned until 8:30 Tuesday morning.

FIFTH DAY

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m.

The Assembly met in the sanctuary of the Grace Covenant Church with the Moderator presiding. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and the Moderator led in prayer.

Minutes of Monday's sessions were read and approved as amended.

Rev. Russell Kerr presented a communication from the Mecklenburg Bi-Centennial celebration inviting the Moderator to be an honor guest on Moderators' night, June 16, 1955, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rev. Cecil D. Brearley, Jr., presented a protest signed by himself and others, which was entered into the record as follows:

A PROTEST

We, the undersigned, protest the way in which this Assembly disposed of the minority report of the Standing Committee on Christian Relations. We cite the following reasons:

1. No debate was allowed, thus depriving commissioners, representing large segments of our Church of their right and desire to speak on this important matter.

2. The parliamentary rules listed in the Blue Book state, "It is obvious that 'calling the question' should be postponed until everyone who wishes to speak has spoken. Nothing so disturbs an Assembly as undue haste in putting a question."

3. The calling of the question to vote on an important report without any opportunity for discussion and debate is not the type of conduct and Christian consideration expected in the highest court of our Church.

Cecil D. Brearley, Jr.
R. E. Gettys
S. M. Witherspoon
L. H. Eikel
J. L. Mallard
L. Eugene Jordan
A. M. Bowen
E. C. Hammond
Edward G. Roberts
W. J. Roddey, Jr.
Jno. C. Batte
W. S. Patterson
R. C. Andrews
Willis Thompson
James Justice
A. W. Kelley
Alfred Moore
S. J. Wachs
Cleveland Davis
S. H. McCall, Jr.
Marshal L. Smith
John H. Martin
O. C. Ogletree
Joe A. McFarland, Jr.
Alton J. Shirey
J. W. Lipscomb

The Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee to reply to this protest. Rev. E. T. Thompson, Rev. C. L. King, and Ruling Elder A. Walton Litz were appointed.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Relations which was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

I. PAPERS RECEIVED

The Standing Committee received from the General Assembly the following overtures and communications:

1. Report of the Council on Christian Relations.

2. Supplemental Report of the Council on Christian Relations, a communication from the Division Secretary.

3. A resolution from the Presbytery of Meridian relative to the action of last year's Assembly on segregation.

4. Overtures 44-48, 60.

5. Partial report of the Permanent Judical Committee, having reference to Overture No. 48.

6. Report of Permanent Committee on Nominations, containing nominations for the Council of Christian Relations and the Lord's Day Alliance.

7. Oral Report of a representative of the Lord's Day Alliance.

II. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Report of the Council on Christian Relations was received as information and the Assembly ordered that it be printed in the Appendix (See Page 166).

The Supplemental Report of the Council on Christian Relations was adopted as amended. It is as follows:

1. RACE RELATIONS

That, in these days of transition in racial and cultural patterns, churches and individual church members be urged to lead in demonstrating the Christian graces of compassion, courage, forbearance and understanding.

2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

That the General Assembly express its grave concern over the widespread indulgence in alcoholic beverages and the use being made of radio, television, magazines and newspapers for beer and liquor advertising and strongly urge

(a) that church members strive toward the ideal of total abstinence;

(b) that churches be active in their program of alcohol education and the rehabilitation of alcoholics, and that individual church members exert their rights as citizens to protect our homes from the invasion of liquor propaganda.

3. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

That the General Assembly, aware of the serious problem of juvenile delinquency in many parts of the nation, and recognizing the inescapable bearing of adult delinquency upon this problem, call upon the churches to study the causes of delinquency in their communities and to develop and promote activities which will minister to the physical, moral and spiritual needs of people.

4. UNITED NATIONS

(1) That in recognition of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations, the General Assembly reaffirm its belief in the purpose and usefulness of this organization, and that churches be urged to acquaint their constituency with its achievements and program for peace and goodwill in the world.

(2) That, in view of the possibility of a conference in 1956 to consider revision of the United Nations Charter, church members be urged to study the Charter and to pray for and to be prepared to support the representatives of the nations insofar as they seek the guidance of God in more effective cooperation for World peace.

(3) That, recognizing the gravity of the international situation, the General Assembly commend the President of the United States and the Secretary of State for their support of the United Nations. Although recognizing that no human institution is a perfect instrument of justice, we respectfully urge them to continue to work through the United Nations in seeking to relieve international tensions and to promote peace in the world.

(4) That the Stated Clerk be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the President and the Secretary of State, assuring them of our earnest prayers.

The committee recommends that the resolution of the presbytery of Meridian concerning segregation be received as information.

III. OVERTURES

The Committee recommends:

That overture 44, from the Presbytery of Meridian, relative to publishing articles regarding the abolition of segregation, be answered in the negative; and that the Assembly, in answering this and all other overtures concerning segregation and the work of the Council on Christian Relations, assure our brethren sending the overtures as follows:

1. That we are not unmindful of the tensions caused by the actions of the 1954 Assembly concerning the above subjects.

2. That we believe it to be highly desirable and necessary that the Assembly have a Council on Christian Relations studying great social and moral questions in the light of the Word of God, and reporting to the Assembly the results of its study.

3. That our brethren in those parts of the Church where the problems growing out of the deliverances of the 1954 Assembly are most acute will have the love and patience and prayers of all of us, as they in sincerity work toward the goal which the Assembly must ever hold before its people—the mind of Christ in every sphere of life.

That overture 45, from the Presbytery of Lexington, relative to racial policies at Montreat, be answered in the negative, in the light of efforts now being made by the Board of Trustees of Montreat to comply with the actions of the 1954 General Assembly in regard to segregation. Ruling Elder Fielding Russell desires that his dissent from the appended reason, beginning with the words, "in the light of," be recorded.

That overture 46, from the Presbytery of Lexington, relative to liquor advertising,

crime programs on radio and television, and objectionable comic books, be referred to the Council on Christian Relations for study and report to the 1956 General Assembly.

That overture 47, from the Presbytery of Meridian, relative to the abolition of the Division of Christian Relations, be answered in the negative.

That overture 48, part 1, from the Synod of Mississippi, relative to the reconsideration and rescinding of the 1954 Assembly's action on segregation, be answered in the negative.

That overture 48, part 2, from the Synod of Mississippi, relative to the redefining of the functions of the Division of Christian Relations and the Council on Christian Relations, be answered in the negative.

That overture 60, from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, relative to the reconsideration and rescinding of the 1954 Assembly's action on segregation and to the redefining of the functions of the Division of Christian Relations, be answered in the negative.

The partial report of the Permanent Judical Committee, having to do with overture 48, was taken into account in the answer to that overture.

IV. NOMINATIONS

The committee transmits to the Assembly the following nominations for the Council on Christian Relations, as presented by the Permanent Committee on Nominations, without change:

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Nominations made by Boards: (8 members)

Board of Church Extension
- Rev. E. T. Thompson
- Mr. Geo. H. Wright

Board of Christian Education
- Rev. W. P. Anderson, Jr.
- Rev. John Spragens
- Dr. Ruben Crawford

Board of World Missions
- Rev. Harry Moffett

Board of Women's Work
- Miss Annie Tate Jenkins

Members at large (6)

Rev. Robert B. McNeill, Columbus, Ga., 1 year
Mr. Robert R. Wilson, Durham, N. C., 1 year
Rev. Frank H. Caldwell, Louisville, Kentucky, 2 years
Mrs. David Wilson, Jackson, Mississippi, 2 years
Rev. Irvin Elligan, Richmond, Va., 3 years
Mr. John Hill, Texas City, Texas, 3 years

This committee transmits to the Assembly the following nominations for representatives to the Lord's Day Alliance, as presented by the Permanent Committee on Nominations, without change:

Rev. A. R. Bird, Sr.
Rev. C. Grier Davis

V. LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

The committee reports that it heard with great interest the report of Mr. Melvin M. Forney, the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance. The committee recommends that the General Assembly commend the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance toward preservation of the Lord's Day, and that the Assembly commend to our pastors and people the literature of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT C. WINN, *Chairman*
JAMES A. ALLISON, JR., *Secretary*

Rev. R. T. L. Liston presented the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education. At the hour of recess this report was under consideration. The Assembly recessed with prayer until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was led in a song service by Rev. W. H. Foster, Jr., and opened with prayer by Rev. James E. Bear.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education which was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There have been placed in our hands the following:

1. The annual report of the Board of Christian Education and the annual audit of its financial records.

2. The annual reports of the four Theological Seminaries, the General Assembly's Training School, Stillman College and the Mountain Retreat Association and Montreat College.

3. The report of the Nominating Committee.

4. Overture 65 from the Presbytery of Guerrant, and the resolution as to the Challenge Fund and the Seminaries.

5. From the floor: Survey and substitute from Trustees of Montreat College.

Your Standing Committee has by its contact with the Board been brought to a new appreciation of the magnitude of the work committed to this major agency of the Church, and of its superlative service to our Church's growth in numbers and its growth in grace. We ask the Assembly to join us in rejoicing in the consecrated and tactful vigor of Dr. Dendy's leadership in the manifold tasks of this Board. We give thanks for the great work of the Division of Religious Education led by Dr. Fairly, as it supplies teaching materials and leadership for our Church Schools. We are grateful for the high service of the Division of Men's Work, led by Dr. Patterson, and of the Division of Higher Education, under the leadership of Dr. Blakely.

We have read the minutes of the Board and find them well kept and in order. We have examined the financial report of the Board as audited and find the accounts well kept and the Board's financial affairs in excellent condition.

We have examined the report of Austin Theological Seminary and notice that the seminary enrolled 141 regular students and 40 students in Extension Courses. During the year $60,000 came into the permanent funds of the seminary and $125,000 more were received for the new men's dormitory, which is expected to be completed in time for September occupancy.

The Assembly will share the sadness of the Austin Seminary family in the loss of Rev. Samuel L. Joekel, who died on November 12, 1954, after 28 years of service as a member of the faculty.

Columbia Theological Seminary last year enrolled 209 undergraduate students. The enrollment for next year is unusually heavy and it is doubtful whether the seminary will be able to provide for all of the qualified students who desire to enroll. For the 22nd time the seminary closes the year without deficit. During the year the seminary received from Dr. Calvin Young, of Plant City, Fla., a bequest valued at approximately $150,000. A self-study indicates a need for $5,000,000 in the next ten years to provide for a student body of at least 300.

The Assembly will share the sadness of the Columbia Seminary family in the loss of Rev. E. D. Kerr, who died on September 2, 1954, after 37 years' service as a member of the faculty of the Seminary.

The undergraduate student body of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary has almost trebled in the past ten years and stood this year at 155. During the year a new campus of 32 acres in the eastern part of Louisville was acquired and the resources of the seminary grew by $53,000. In addition, the controlling synods are raising funds for the erection of the new plant, for which at least $2,000,000 are needed. $650,000 of this

are now covered by pledges or resources in hand. The new buildings will be planned to accommodate 250 students in the future.

Union Theological Seminary enrolled during the year 209 undergraduate students, and 94 ministers studying for advanced degrees. During the year $435,000 were added to the permanent funds of the seminary and the John Holt Rice Apartments were completed and occupied by 24 student families. Melrose Hall was converted to a dormitory for married couples. Progress is being made in the erection of the West Virginia Building at Mission Court.

Among the most significant events of the year at the General Assembly's Training School was the inauguration of Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer as president. This took place on November 4, 1954. The Training School enrolled 133 students during the year. A laboratory kindergarten building and additional dormitory space are greatly needed, and a committee of the Board of Trustees is now working on plans for these buildings. Your Standing Committee examined the minutes of the Trustees and the audit of accounts and found them in order and the financial condition of the Training School excellent. Requests for the services of laymen and women, trained for full-time vocations in the home and foreign fields, continue to exceed any supply now in prospect. The Church should seek by all possible means to discover well qualified men and women to enter this service.

Stillman College has received more than $700,000 from the recent fund-raising effort of the General Assembly. The work of erecting the new Library Building was interrupted by the tardiness of some subscribers in paying their pledges to this fund, but has now been resumed. The full payment of these pledges by January 15, 1956, is essential to the claiming of a special gift of $100,000 from an educational foundation. The payment of these pledges has similar vital importance in the erection of the Library Building, and the College cannot retain its accreditation without the prompt completion of this building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That the Assembly urge the sessions of all our churches to press upon their members the importance of the completion of the funds for our Negro work.

II. That Mr. Robert Peters, the president of the Trustees of Stillman College, be invited to address the Assembly for five minutes.

III. That overture 65 from the Presbytery of Guerrant be answered in the negative.

IV. That the resolution with reference to the Challenge Fund and the Seminaries be referred to the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education and that recommendations be brought to the 1956 General Assembly.

V. That the following recommendations in the report of the Mountain Retreat Association be adopted:

1. That the General Assembly through its continued support and prayers for Montreat undergird and strengthen it for a larger spiritual service to the Church and the Kingdom.

2. That the General Assembly commend Montreat, its conference program, its educational program, its Trustees and its Officers, to prayer groups and to churches for their fervent prayers.

3. That pastors, church officers and leaders of church organizations be earnestly urged to interest their young people in attending our own Church educational institutions, that the opportunities of Montreat Colleye be made known to young people who need and who would be best developed for Christian service by the opportunities of a Christian education which it affords.

VI. That the following recommendations of the Board of Christian Education be adopted as amended:

1. That the General Assembly offer thanks to God for His blessings and seek His guidance and benediction in the ministry of Christian Education in every area of the Church's responsibility.
2. That the General Assembly endorse the adoption by the Board of Christian Education of a unified budget known as "Christian Education Budget," described on pages 2560-2561 of its October, 1954, Minutes.

3. That the General Assembly confirm the Board's re-election of the following Division Secretaries for a period of three years: Dr. John L. Fairly, Secretary of the Division of Religious Education; Dr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., Secretary of the Division of Men's Work.
4. That teachers, parents and other children's work leaders in every church be urged to become acquainted with and use to fullest advantage the six new "Children and the Church" Audio-Visual Filmstrips for training leaders of children.
5. That every church be urged to fulfill the objectives of the 1956 Church Program emphasis on Christian Family Life, using the special plans suggested in the 1956 Church Program Plan Book and in the supplementary pamphlet, "Forward with Christ in Christian Family Life."
6. That continued emphasis be placed upon training all types of leaders in the local church, making use of continuing leadership classes, the Teacher Consultants and Training Center program, and clinics in individual churches.
7. That every church plan carefully for the observance of the following days and seasons: Rally Day, September 25, 1955; Religious Education Week, September 25-October 1, 1955; Assembly's Youth Sunday, January 29, 1956; Community Youth Week, January 29-February 5. 1956; and Christian Family Week, May 6-13, 1956.
8. That in the observance of Rally Day, every Sunday school and church give generously to the cause of Christian Education.
9. That ministers, officers and members consider the unprecedented opportunities given the Church today to reach the increasing millions of people around us through the teaching of our Christian faith; and that through wise planning, active outreach, and prayerful dedication of life to God, we unite in the "Forward with Christ" program to win every person possible for Christ.
10. That the sessions of all the churches be urged to remind parents and church school teachers of the importance of preparing themselves for their responsibilities by making a careful study of the Shorter Catechism, and encourage its being taught in the home to children and young people.
11. That, in view of the 1954 General Assembly's action designating 1956 as a Year of Special Emphasis on the entire program of Christian Higher Education, the General Assembly urge synods, presbyteries and local congregations to cooperate fully in the plans which have been prepared for this Year of Emphasis. And that the Assembly express its conviction that whoever captures the campus of today will capture the civilization of tomorrow, and that in this Year of Emphasis we should further our surging revival in the educational work which Presbyterians have in other generations used with such world-shaking power.
12. That April, 1956, be observed as the month for Emphasis on Christian Higher Education; that December 25, 1955, be observed as Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication Day); that February 19, 1956, be observed as the Day of Prayer for Students Around the World; and that April 15, 1956, be observed as National Christian College Sunday (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges).
13. That the Assembly urge ministers to present to their people our Presbyterian schools of higher education; to point out to youth the advantages of our schools; and to encourage local congregations to help deserving young people who need financial assistance, through locally administered scholarship funds, attend our Presbyterian colleges and seminaries.
14. That the General Assembly commend congregations which have entered into the Presbyterian Vocational Guidance Program, and urge congregations which have not begun such programs to do so in order that our people may serve worthily our Saviour by Christian witnessing through life work.
15. That the planning and holding of Minister-Elder-Deacon Convocations during 1956, as approved by the 1954 General Assembly, be commended to each Synod Committee on Christian Education; and that pastors and sessions be requested to urge their church officers to attend the Convocation in their synod.
16. That, in response to a recommendation from the 1955 Assembly Men's Council, the Assembly authorize the holding of an Assembly-wide Presbyterian Men's Convention of 12,000 men in the fall of 1957 at Miami, Florida, and that details as to program, leadership and other arrangements be reported to the 1956 Assembly.

17. That the session of each congregation urge the Men of the Church to observe Laymen's Sunday on October 16, 1955.
18. That pastors and sessions be requested to acquaint the members of their congregations with the purposes of John Knox Press, and that each member be encouraged to read books published by John Knox Press.

VII. That the following nominations be made to the positions indicated:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Rev. Harmon B. Ramsey (Ga.)
Rev. Wallace Alston (Ga.)
Mrs. Norwood Phelps (Fla.)
Rev. Lawrence I. Stell (N. C.)
Mr. Halbert Jones (N. C.)
Rev. Van Arnold (Miss.)
Rev. W. T. Martin, Jr., (Fla.)

(For One Year)

John Matthews (Tenn.)
Walter Humphrey (Texas)
E. C. Hammond (Ga.)

TRUSTEES OF STILLMAN COLLEGE

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Rev. L. W. Bottoms
Rev. S. F. Bryant
L. Tennent Lee, Jr.
E. G. McGee
Rev. W. J. Gipson
Marion Crist
Mrs. Albert King
Rev. Warren Gaw

Whose Term Expires in 1957

Rev. Richard R. Potter (in place of Mrs. W. P. Jacobs)

TRUSTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL

Whose Terms Expire in 1958

Mrs. John Newton Thomas
Mrs. Julian Hutaff
Rev. Frederick Olert
Mrs. Paul Buckles
Rev. Philip Roberts
Mr. Wm. R. Hill (Richmond, Va.)
Rev. Robert F. Jones

MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

Whose Terms Expire in 1957

Ministers

Homer McMillan
J. Rupert McGregor
J. C. Frist
C. G. McClure
John K. Johnson
R. Bruce Brannon
C. H. Patterson
Martin Singleton

Laymen

Kenneth S. Keyes
Philip Howerton
F. L. Jackson
George R. Norris
Floyd Craft (Greensboro, N. C.)
Henry Walker (Kinston, N. C).
Edwin Morgan (Laurel Hill, N. C.)

Whose Term Expires in 1956

Rev. John H. McKinnon (replacing Robert H. Crook)

VIII. That the Assembly in acceding to Rev. J. J. Murray's request, that he be not re-elected to the Board, offer him our grateful thanks for his important contribution to Christian Education by his 24 years of service on the Board.

IX. That the Assembly hear a report of a sub-committee, presented by Rev. Sam Houck.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. L. LISTON, *Chairman*
DAVID E. WILKINSON, *Secretary*

The following report was adopted as amended:

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ON MONTREAT COLLEGE

The Standing Committee on Christian Education wishes to make the following report on Montreat College:

We have had referred to us the report of the Ad Interim Committee and the report entitled "Some facts concerning the relationship of the synods and the General Assembly to Montreat College." In the light of these, we have reached the following conclusions:

1. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States did not organize Montreat College, but rather found itself tenuously related to it through the Declaration of Trust in 1931.

2. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States has always recognized the principle of Presbytery and Synodical financial support and control of collegiate institutions, except through its Board of Church Extension. There has been repeated discussion of the question of General Assembly support of Montreat College; and the General Assembly has repeatedly refused to assume the responsibility of such support through its benevolence budget.

As late as 1952 the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 237 to 75, voted not to support Montreat College. (See Minutes, 1952, pp 26, 61, 70, 126.)

It is called to your attention that on page 2 of the Ad Interim Committee report, it is noted that an *emergency grant* of $35,000 was made in 1953. In 1954 the Assembly granted a subsidy of $50,000 conditioned by the following statement: "It is the sense of this Assembly that in the grant of money to Montreat College under this recommendation it is to be clearly understood that it is allowed only for this year, and only because a survey is pending. It is not to be interpreted as precedent for Assembly support or a confirmation of the Assembly control which was seemingly claimed for the College in the program last night." (See Minutes, 1954, p. 72.)

3. The facts do not substantiate the claims that Montreat College renders a *unique* service to the General Assembly.

In the light of these conclusions we make the following recommendations:

(1) While reaffirming the statement of the 1952 Assembly that the General Assembly will not make appropriations to Montreat College, in view of the late date at which this action is being taken and the effect it will have on the present student body and faculty, we recommend that a final appropriation of $50,000 be made.

(2) The General Assembly does not claim any authority for the government of any educational institution to be operated at Montreat; and it disclaims any financial responsibility for any such educational institution after the ensuing year.

(3) That the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Montreat College be admitted to the record and be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes of the General Assembly; and that we commend the committee for its study.

(4) That the paper entitled "Some Facts Concerning the Relationship of the Synods and the General Assembly to Montreat College" be admitted to the record and printed in the Appendix of the Minutes of the General Assembly.

(See Appendix, pages 139-147.)

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL M. HOUCK, *Chairman*

Rev. E. T. Thompson, Chairman, presented the report of the Special Committee appointed to answer the Protest of Rev. Cecil D. Bearley, Jr., and others which was adopted and is as follows:

ANSWER TO PROTEST BY REV. CECIL BREARLEY, JR., AND OTHERS

The protest is based on a misunderstanding. The call for the question against which the protest is uttered did not, and was not intended to, shut off or even limit debate on the issues involved. It was simply, after some debate had already been engaged in, the call for a decision on the purely procedural question as to whether the General Assembly wished to have before it for discussion the majority or minority report. The

General Assembly decided that it would consider the majority report and a full debate was engaged in on the questions at issue, in which both proponents and opponents had full opportunity to present their respective points of view.

C. L. KING
A. WALTON LITZ
E. T. THOMPSON, *Chairman*

Rev. John M. Walker, Jr., Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on World Missions which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

The imperative of the world mission of the Church has always been inherent in the very nature of the Church, and has always been a matter of peculiar urgency. Through the years our Church has endeavored to be faithful to its missionary obligation. But in these days of conflict and change the Church is called to a new vision and a higher obedience.

We are grateful to God that the Ad Interim Committee on World Missions has done a splendid work in getting the pulse of the revolutionary age which is our modern world, and calling it to the attention of our Church as a whole, thereby forcefully reminding the Church that the responsibility for the evangelization of the world is the responsibility of the entire Church. We are also grateful for the careful study which the Board of World Missions has made of the Ad Interim report.

We are pleased to note that the Ad Interim Committee and the Board are in substantial agreement in so many areas. We feel that in both of these reports there are two things which, because of their importance, need to be held up to the Church for particular emphasis. One is the necessity for rapid progress toward an indigenous church in each mission field. We recognize the progress being made, but would emphasize, as does the Board, the statement of the Ad Interim Committee that "our kind of world cannot wait for a leisurely evolution to the indigenous church." The other is the necessity for making a strong ecumenical policy clearly manifest in all of our mission fields. The Board states that "Ecumenism . . . has been the philosophy of the World Mission program of our church for ninety years, and longer."

The attention which we as a Church give to World Missions is a measure of our Christian grace. If the World Mission goals of the Forward-With-Christ movement are to be realized, it is essential that the local church realize and accept its responsibilities for enlisting missionaries and supporting the Missions program.

The following papers were referred to this Committee by the General Assembly:

1. The Minute Book of the Board of World Missions.
2. Communications from the Moderator and the General Secretary, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea.
3. The Yearbook and Annual Report of the Board of World Missions.
4. The Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of World Missions.
5. Report of the Board of World Missions on its Study of the Report of the General Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on World Missions.
6. Supplemental Report from the Board of World Missions regarding the Japan International Christian University.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That church members between the ages of 25 and 30, inclusive, take notice of the urgent need for new missionaries and that those with proper qualifications prayerfully consider offering themselves for this service.

2. That pastors and local church leaders make a definite effort to assist in recruiting the new missionaries needed to meet the "Forward With Christ" goal for World Missions (a net gain of 168 additional missionaries during 1955, 1956 and 1957). In making this effort the pastors might canvass their church rolls for young adults with the proper qualifications between the ages of 25-30, inclusive.

3. That local congregations consider placing an appropriate Roll of Honor in their church buildings, inscribing thereon the names of their sons and daughters who are engaged in missionary service or other types of full time church work.

4. That the World Mission Season, February 1 to March 4, 1956, be observed in all our churches as a time for church-wide dedication to the world task of Christian missions; that ministers be asked to preach on such subjects as will increase the sense of responsibility and privilege in the world-wide mission of the Church; and that the whole Church be called to earnest prayer for this effort.

5. That the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions be observed by every church in the Assembly, with its organizations, February 26-March 4, 1956; and that all sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the churches.

6. That all the organizations of the Church—men and women, church schools and youth fellowships—be urged to keep World Missions before the Church throughout the year, using at the special time of study the books and materials for the various age groups prepared by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education and by the Educational Department of the Board; that the inter-denominational theme for 1955-56 "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World" be the subject of special study, and that our churches acquaint themselves with the implication of this study as they affect the work of our own Missions.

7. That attendance at the World Mission Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, July 28-August 3, 1955, be urged on the men, women and young people throughout the Church, and that those who have responsibility for World Missions in their organizations, particularly in the presbyteries, be especially encouraged to attend.

8. That the Church continue to make the wisest and fullest use of furloughed missionaries; also that members of the World Mission Board and Staff and others with special knowledge of missions, particularly ministers with experience on mission fields, be used as speakers and leaders in churches, schools and conferences throughout the General Assembly.

9. That the Young People's World Mission Objective to provide equipment for the High School for the West Brazil Mission be commended to all our Youth Fellowships.

10. That ministers throughout the Church be urged to give full cooperation to the Chairmen of World Missions in the presbyteries in order that there may be a fuller and better coordinated program in the whole promotion of Missions in their areas.

11. That all pastors and churches be urged to keep before their members the urgent need for material relief and spiritual aid in war-torn areas of the world.

12. That collections of used clothing, blankets, etc., be made by churches at least twice a year, designated as contributions from the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and sent to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland, or Church World Service, 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri.

13. That attention be drawn to the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) as an authorized and recommended agency, and that members of our churches be asked to contribute foodstuffs, fibers, etc. to CROP.

14. That a special Easter Offering be received, April 1, 1956, for alleviating human suffering and need in the name of Christ throughout the world, the funds to be administered by the Board of World Missions through its Department of Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid for work not included in their budget, working cooperatively with other Protestant denominations in Church World Service, CROP and the World Council of Churches.

15. That the manual of the Board of World Missions be revised as follows:

(a) by amending the first paragraph of Section 100, so it shall read:

> "The allowances shall be reduced by that amount, if any, which the retired ordained missionary may receive from the Ministers' Annuity Fund or that the retired lay missionary may receive from the Federal Social Security Administration and also will be reduced by that amount, if any, which he may receive in the form of regular salary from outside sources."

(b) By the addition of the ensuing paragraphs:

"100a. All ordained missionaries whose service with the Board began after April 1, 1940, shall be enrolled with the Ministers' Annuity Fund on a basis agreed upon with the Board of Annuities and Relief to provide the full retirement allowance. Thereupon such missionaries will be entitled to all the benefits provided by the rules of the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and the Board of World Missions will in this way discharge its responsibility.

"100b. All lay missionaries shall be enrolled with the Federal Social Security Administration, the Board and the missionaries making the payments as prescribed by law. If, however, the benefits derived from Social Security are insufficient to equal the amount which the Board may set for a full retirement allowance, the Board will supplement the payments from Social Security, paying such supplement in proportion to the years of service, forty years being required for the full amount."

16. That the Assembly approve the Board's action in the election of C. Darby Fulton as Executive Secretary for a term of three years.

17. That the Assembly approve the Board's action in the election of D. J. Cumming as Educational Secretary for a term of three years.

18. That the Assembly encourage our churches to make their contributions for World Missions through the regular budget and the special projects approved by the Missions and the Board, and discourage the diverting of contributions to unapproved extras; and that churches and individuals having additional funds to give to the cause of World Missions be urged to contribute these to help defray the cost of sending out the new missionaries anticipated in the Forward-With-Christ program.

19. That the members of the Ad Interim Committee be thanked for their careful study and constructive appraisal of the World Mission of our Church.

20. That the Board of World Missions seek closer ways of cooperation with the Division of Higher Christian Education.

21. That the Board be commended for its policy regarding Negro missionaries, and that the ministers of our churches seek such candidates for our fields.

22. That the Minute Book of the Board of World Missions for 1954 be approved.

23. That the communications from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea be referred to the Board of World Missions.

24. That the Assembly adopt the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of World Missions, and that the following be elected to the Board:

Class of 1958

Mrs. Tate Bird
Rev. J. E. Cousar, Jr.
Mrs. H. D. Haberyan
Rev. Jas. A. Jones
Rev. Frank Alfred Mathes
Mr. G. Lamar Westcott
Rev. A. Hayden Hollingsworth, Jr.

25. That the Assembly note the thorough study which the Board of World Missions has made of the report of the Ad Interim Committee and commend the Board for the serious thought and careful attention which it has given to this entire matter.

26. That the Assembly acknowledge with appreciation the consecrated work of the Board of World Missions, its Executive Secretary and the other members of the staff during the past year.

27. That the Assembly request the Board of World Missions to re-appraise during the coming year our Church's position with respect to the Japan International Christian University, in consultation with the Japan Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WALKER, JR., *Chairman*
JOHN D. MACLEOD, JR., *Secretary*

The Moderator named Rev. J. Wayte Fulton, Rev. Roy R. Craig and Ruling Elder J. R. McCain as the class of 1958 on The Permanent Nominating Committee.

Ruling Elder George E. Goodwin presented the report of the committee on Thanks which was adopted by a unanimous vote and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

It has been a rare privilege for this ninety-fifth General Assembly to meet in the beautiful and historic city of Richmond, Virginia, and to participate in the two hundredth anniversary of the organization of Hanover Presbytery. To express adequately our appreciation for the hospitality extended and for the inspiration received is impossible. However, our gratitude compels us to try to say "thank you" as best we can to those who have contributed so graciously and so tirelessly to our comfort and to the success of this General Assembly.

To Grace Covenant, our host church; to her pastor, Rev. William B. Ward, and his staff; to her session and to her various organizations and individuals who have been so thoughtful and gracious we are especially grateful. Our every need has been anticipated. Nothing to make our visit more enjoyable has been overlooked. The committees on arrangements, the women of the church, the hostesses, the expediters, and the Ushers Guild, the janitors and maids and the many persons responsible for the popular snack bar and other facilities too numerous to mention are due our special thanks.

The cooperation and contributions of all the Presbyterian churches and institutions in Richmond has been a source of genuine inspiration, as they have opened their homes and facilities to us. We are especially grateful that Second Presbyterian Church opened its historic doors for an observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper that will be an imperishable memory in the minds of us all. We want to express particular thanks to Union Theological Seminary for entertainment and for the barbecue enjoyed by commisisoners and their families; to the Assembly's Training School for entertainment and timely snacks; and to the Board of Christian Education for its excellent dinner.

The social at Second Presbyterian Church and the sightseeing tour provided by the committee on entertainment for wives and families of commissioners were particularly appreciated.

We are especially grateful to East Hanover Presbytery, to the Synod of Virginia and to the various other sponsoring organizations and boards of our Assembly who made possible the filming of "Heritage" and to those responsible for the magnificent program which surrounded its premiere in the Mosque.

The General Assembly extends special thanks to the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church and to its pastor, Dr. J. J. Sherer, Jr., for the use of its building for committee sessions.

The City of Richmond, its mayor, The Honorable Thomas Bryan, the Richmond police department and the Virginia Transit Company, which provided excellent transportation, have been most helpful in making our visit pleasant.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to our Moderator, Rev. J. McDowell Richards, for his efficiency and fairness in presiding over the meetings, for his gentle patience and for his constant thoughtfulness.

To the Rev. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk; to his assistant, the Rev. Archie C. Smith; and to their staff of clerks and aides, who have contributed so much to the dispatch of the Assembly's business, we offer our sincere thanks.

Our thanks also go to the Rev. Frederick H. Olert, who served as general chairman of arrangements; to the Rev. Harmon B. Ramsey, who prepared the Assembly's worship services; and to the Division of Evangelism for the inspirational pre-assembly conference on evangelism.

The music at this General Assembly has been outstanding. We are all indebted to Mr. William Schutt, chairman of music arrangements; to Mr. James R. Sydnor, who directed the massed choirs in the two hundredth anniversary celebration service of Hanover

Presbytery; and to the choirs, soloists and organists who have contributed so generously of their splendid talent for our inspiration and enjoyment.

Special mention must be made of the inspiring messages presented by the Rev. Charles L. King, the Rev. Henry Edward Russell and the Rev. Warner L. Hall.

We extend thanks to our publicity staff and to the distinguished members of the press who have given wide publicity to our deliberations; to the Protestant Radio and Television Center, which has recorded the proceedings; to the institutions, boards and agencies who have provided exhibits for our instruction; and to the personnel of these agencies who have been so tireless in their efforts to serve.

As we record our deep gratitude for the rich blessings we have experienced at the hands of most thoughtful people, we would express our deepest gratitude to God our Father and to Christ the great head of our Church.

Therefore, we request our Moderator to lead us in a prayer of thanksgiving, beseeching an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon his people here, upon those who have given so unselfishly of their talents and service, and upon the church throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ANGUS G. MCINNIS, *Chairman*
REV. WILLIAM B. CLEMMONS
GEORGE E. GOODWIN, *Secretary*

The minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. E. V. Ramage led the Assembly in "A Service of Dedication" as a closing worship service.

The Assembly voted to adjourn.

The Moderator made the following pronouncement: "By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Church, I do now declare that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is adjourned to convene in the Auditorium at Montreat, North Carolina, May 31, 1956, at 7:30 p.m."

The Moderator led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

J. MCDOWELL RICHARDS, *Moderator*

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk*
ARCHIE C. SMITH, *Assistant to the Stated Clerk.*

SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTE

After the General Assembly had adjourned the Moderator made the following appointments:

AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

To Make Thorough Biblical Study of the Position of Women in the Church: Rev. E. G. Lilly, *Chairman,* Rev. James E. Bear, Rev. Manford George Gutzke, Rev. L. B. Schenck, Mrs. A. Walton Litz.

To Study the Whole Question of Education of Lay Leaders in Christian Education: Rev. C. Ellis Nelson, *Chairman,* Rev. Patrick Carmichael, Rev. P. Leslie Bullock, Rev. Jack B. McMichael, Rev. Marc C. Weersing, Dr. Marshall W. Brown, Miss Eleanor Belk.

To Make a Thorough-going Revision of Book of Church Order: Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., *Chairman,* Rev. James A. Millard, Jr., Rev. John H. Leith, Rev. A. W. Dick, Phil F. Howerton, Dr. Edward D. Grant.

To Prepare a Manual Setting Forth a Suggested Organizational Plan for

Operation of the Local Church Under the Session: Rev. J. C. Frist, *Chairman,* Rev. Stephen T. Harvin, Rev. C. J. Matthews, J. H. McKeithen, W. J. Powell.

On "United" or "Federated" Churches: Rev. Olof Anderson, Chairman, Rev. Leonard E. Woodward, Rev. E. C. Scott, F. B. Porter.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP—Rev. Ferguson Wood.

MINISTER TO JOIN MODERATOR IN REPRESENTING OUR ASSEMBLY AT 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERY—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk*

June 22, 1955

Through oversight the General Assembly did not act upon the following section of the report of the Board of Christian Education. It is given here in order to present the actions of the Board on assignments made by the General Assembly of 1954. —STATED CLERK.

Answers to Overtures and Special Requests of the Assembly

1. The General Assembly referred Overture 60 from the Presbytery of Orange, requesting a revision of the Child's Catechism, to the Board of Christian Education asking the Board to seek to produce such material, either on its own initiative or in co-operation with other Presbyterian bodies. The Board answers the request as follows:

   A. That, in view of the long use of the Child's Catechism and the great difficulty in changing the language of it, no effort be made to revise the Child's Catechism in its present form.

   B. That a special committee from among the membership of the Family Education Council has been appointed to prepare new materials for the use of parents and children, dealing with questions children ask and religious truths children should know.

2. In reply to the request made by the 1954 General Assembly (see 1954 General Assembly Minutes, p. 68) that each person on the Board's mailing lists be given an opportunity to place an advance order for the paper bound volume of World Council materials, the Board reports that it endeavored to render this service to the Church but was informed by the Stated Clerk that there were not enough materials available to supply the volume and make it available to those requesting it.

3. In reply to the recommendation adopted by the 1954 General Assembly concerning the composition of the Council of Christian Relations (see General Assembly Minutes, 1954, p. 53) that of the 14 members of the Council to be elected by the General Assembly three shall be on nomination of the Board of Christian Education, the Board reports that those nominations were duly made and the names of the nominees were forwarded to the Stated Clerk and to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly.

4. In response to the request of the General Assembly that consideration be given to the production of a film on the life of John Knox or John Calvin, the Board reports that this matter was explored with representatives of three other Presbyterian Boards. Investigation indicated that it requires a large capital outlay of over half a million dollars to produce a film comparable to recent films on the life of Luther and of Wesley. It was felt also that the films referred to had captured the interest of the public, and that the same interest would not be shown in additional biographical films at this time. The Secretary of the Division of Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension concurs in the opinions expressed above. For these reasons it does not appear to be advisable to produce a film now on the life of Calvin or Knox.

APPENDIX

I. REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON OFFICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Your committee held its stated meetings during the year. The fall meeting was held in New Orleans, prior to the Men's Convention. The Minutes of these meetings have been placed in the hands of the Standing Committee. The following is presented for your consideration.

Administration

The Office of the General Assembly is administered by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. He also serves as treasurer of several accounts. The recommendations which are incorporated in the report below were considered and adopted by the committee as a whole. Your committee presents, as a part of its report, the reports of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Report of Stated Clerk

Your Stated Clerk reports that he has performed all of the duties assigned to him. The past year has been the busiest of all the years he has been in office. Not only has there been a marked increase in the amount of correspondence, but also there have been long distance calls in large number. All have required much time and thought because they related to problems and situations which are momentous. Calls have been received requesting attendance on meetings of Commissions and presbyteries to give counsel and guidance in the handling of serious problems. All such requests have been granted.

The mailing of Union printed matter has been very heavy. There have been two complete mailings of this literature:

1. A copy of Plan of Union and of leaflet "Analysis and Interpretation of Plan" were mailed to every minister. Copies were mailed separately to every Clerk of Session.

2. To every pastor and stated supply and to the Clerk of Session of every vacant church was mailed a packet of printed matter consisting of 42-page pamphlet setting forth arguments for and against union, the "Analysis" leaflet and brochure "All One Body We," a preview of the United Church. Copies of covering letter signed by Chairman of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union were enclosed (one for each Pastor and one for each Clerk of Session).

In addition to the above, enough copies of the Plan of Union were sent to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery to supply the Ruling Elder representatives who would attend meetings of Presbyteries at which the vote would be taken on the Categorical Question relating to Union. This assignment involved the addressing of more than 6,000 labels, the wrapping of more than 3,000 packages and insertion of more than 3,000 copies of material in envelopes. It is difficult for anyone to understand what a tremendous job this was. The Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union fixed a nominal price for each piece of this printed matter in order to regulate distribution. This assignment has caused a considerable amount of invoicing and bookkeeping which has been done by the limited staff. Additional help was employed for a total of about four weeks.

During the year 1954 the number of copies of Printed Matter produced is as follows:
25,500 Plan of Union
59,000 "Analysis and Interpretation of Plan"
25,000 "All One Body We"
60,000 Statement on Issues (Pro and Con).

On the financial side, the printing bill amounts to $13,417.81. Amount expended for postage, express, motor freight and other items of distribution total $2,427.01. Expenses of the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union for 1954 were $2,118.30, while

the Ad Interim Committee which prepared the pamphlet (pro and con) spent $228.23. This is a grand total of $18,191.35. The amount collected from sale of printed matter is $4,579.72 which reduced the net cost of union printed matter to $13,611.63.

BLUE BOOK AND MINUTES

These volumes were published and distributed as usual. In accordance with instructions of the General Assembly, the volume of statistics (Part II) was printed and distributed in May. The volume containing the proceedings of the 1954 General Assembly was completed in July. Plans are being carried out for bringing Part II from the press sometime in April. This will contain the statistics for the year 1954.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

The present status of this publication is revealed by the following statement: Number of copies of 1951 edition printed, 3,500. Payment received for 2,588 copies, leaving about 850 copies on hand. Condensed financial statement is as follows:

Balance brought forward, March 31, 1950	$ 392.41
Collections from sales 1950-53	8,812.09
Collections from sales April-Dec. 1953	177.10
Collections from sales 1954	175.31
Total	$ 9,556.91
Expenditures:	
During 1950-53	$11,780.64
During April-Dec. 1953	15.28
During 1954	10.33
	$11,806.34
Balance due treasury of General Assembly	$ 2,249.34

Rev. P. J. Garrison, Assistant Stated Clerk and Assistant Treasurer, resigned, effective November 1. Miss Edna Plant, who was first secured to help with mailing of Union printed matter, was retained as a clerical assistant. She has proven to be a faithful and efficient worker.

THE MANLEY ESTATE

In accordance with the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, approved by the Committee and the General Assembly, the assets of this Fund, in the amount of $50,000, were transferred to the Trustees of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Foundation. The audited account of this transfer is among my reports as Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The balance in the treasury on December 31, 1954 was $5,706.21. This includes $3,362.04, balance of a fund set aside by order of the 1951 General Assembly (Page 80 of Minutes) for expenses of our delegates to the World Presbyterian Alliance and the World Council of Churches. Therefore, the real balance is $2,344.17.

Because of the severe reduction in the cash balance, due to the expenditure of more than $11,000 net on Union printed matter, it is clear that there can be no reduction in the per capita tax for 1956. The total amount available for the current year will be about $110,000.00, which is slightly in excess of the amount of the budget. By reducing expenditures in certain estimated items the amount expended by the end of the year should be considerably under the budget.

Audited reports as Treasurer of the General Assembly, of the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies are submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*

SUMMARY OF CASH TRANSACTIONS
FUND OF TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Year ended December 31, 1954

BALANCE IN BANK—January 1, 1954			$ 22,334.13
RECEIPTS:			
From Presbyteries—1954 Assessments		$ 96,494.35	
From Sale of Publications:			
General Assembly Minutes and Reports	$ 1,106.74		
Blue Books	87.50		
Ministerial Directory	175.31	1,369.55	
From Manley Estate Fund—Income for the period ended July 16, 1954		1,192.62	
Refund from Presbyterian Survey Board		407.85	99,464.37
			$121,798.50
EXPENDITURES			
Expense of Assembly Meetings:			
Commissioners' Travel	$ 21,196.95		
Entertainment	10,800.05		
Other	441.90	$ 32,438.90	
Publications and Printing:			
Literature on Union:			
Printing	$13,417.81		
Distribution	2,321.50		
Extra Help	105.51		
	$15,844.82		
Less Sales of Publications	4,579.72	$ 11,265.10	
Minutes:			
Printing	$ 7,985.00		
Distribution	1,144.25	9,129.25	
Volume of Reports		1,174.45	
Blue Books		808.43	
Printing amendments		130.00	
Ministerial Directory		10.33	22,517.56
Committee expenses:			
Permanent committees		$ 4,962.02	
Ad Interim committees		1,788.68	6,750.70
Appropriations to:			
Minister and His Work (Secretary's office)		$ 16,959.73	
Historical Foundation		4,120.80	
The Western Section, Alliance of Reformed Churches		1,234.79	22,315.32
Representatives:			
To and from Other Bodies		$ 2,914.29	
To the World Presbyterian Alliance		2,359.94	
To The World Council of Churches		1,484.66	6,758.89
Expense of Moderators		$ 950.60	
Less refund received from Dr. Frank W. Price		185.57	765.03

Expense of Men's Convention (New Orleans, La.)		489.54	
Expense of moving to Presbyterian Center (Atlanta, Ga.)		321.45	
Travel expense of Stated Clerk and Assistant		238.68	
Premium on Fidelity Bond		163.31	
		$ 92,759.38	
EXPENDITURES—brought forward			
Expenses of office of Stated Clerk and Treasurer:			
Salaries:			
Stated Clerk	$ 6,800.00		
Assistant Stated Clerk	4,583.34		
Office secretary	3,000.00		
Office typist	770.49	$ 15,153.83	
Manse allowances:			
Stated Clerk	$ 1,200.00		
Assistant Stated Clerk	1,000.00	2,200.00	
Equipment and supplies		1,944.16	
M.A.F.—dues, social security taxes, insurance and hospitalization		1,651.73	
Rent		1,506.26	
Telephone and telegraph		642.93	
Postage and mail pick-up service		162.63	
Auditing		65.00	
Exchange on checks		6.37	23,332.91	116,092.29
BALANCE IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1954			$ 5,706.21

THE GENERAL FUND

Year ended January 15, 1955

BALANCE IN BANK—January 16, 1954			$ 294.93
RECEIPTS			
Contributions from churches, church organizations, and individuals:			
Undesignated		$471,324.14	
Designated		7,840.05	
		$479,164.19	
Less:			
Refunds	$ 1,905.25		
Adjustments	692.13	2,597.38	476,566.81
			$476,861.74

DISBURSEMENTS

To beneficiaries:

	Regular Distributions	*Special Distributions*	*Total*
General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	$121,713.80	$ 154.00	$121,867.80
Montreat	98,634.99	1,859.58	100,494.57
Board of Women's Work	74,292.23	—0—	74,292.23
The General Council	70,968.51	—0—	70,968.51
Stillman College	69,236.43	1,390.50	70,626.93

American Bible Society	19,708.27	—0—	19,708.27	
The Historical Foundation	13,575.77	165.00	13,740.77	
	$468,130.00	$3,569.08	$471,699.08	
Expenses of Treasurer's Office:				
Salary—bookkeeper and typist		$ 3,000.00		
Promotion		1,099.51		
Office rent		230.00		
Employees' annuities		120.00		
Postage		101.33		
Office supplies and incidentals		83.30		
Printing		72.08		
Auditing		60.00		
Social security tax		60.00		
Insurance:				
Group insurance	$ 37.44			
Fidelity bond	10.91	48.35		
Exchange on checks		43.70	4,918.27	$476,617.35
BALANCE IN BANK JANUARY 15, 1955				$ 244.39

FUND OF TREASURER OF INTERCHURCH AGENCIES

Year ended January 15, 1955

RECEIPTS		
Contributions from churches, church organizations, and individuals		$ 17,296.11
DISBURSEMENTS		
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.	$8,018.47	
The World Council of Churches	5,327.21	
The Western Section, Alliance of Reformed Churches	2,359.19	
The Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S.	795.62	
Religion in American Life	795.62	17,296.11
BALANCE AT JANUARY 15, 1955		$ —0—

EQUALIZATION FUND OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Year ended December 31, 1954—Note A

RECEIPTS		
Board of World Missions	$ 77,195.54	
Board of Church Extension	34,588.03	
Board of Annuities and Relief	21,671.58	
Board of Christian Education	14,556.80	
Board of Women's Work	3,802.24	
General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	4,762.83	
General Council	3,110.22	
Mountain Retreat Association	2,966.89	
Stillman College	2,413.94	
Historical Foundation	773.15	$165,841.22
DISBURSEMENTS		
Board of Church Extension	$ 78,455.22	
General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	22,788.73	
Board of Women's Work	20,863.30	
General Council	16,890.50	
Board of Christian Education	9,302.92	

Mountain Retreat Association	7,803.06	
Board of World Missions	5,176.77	
Stillman College	2,083.38	163,363.88
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		$ 2,477.34
Less allocation to Fund of Treasurer of the General Assembly—Note B		2,477.34
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1954		$ —0—

Note A—Amounts shown are based on receipts applicable to the Church period from April 1, 1953, to December 31, 1953.

Note B—Represents refund of current year's advances to the Historical Foundation.

MANLEY ESTATE FUND

January 1, 1954, through July 16, 1954

		Corpus	*Income*
BALANCE—January 1, 1954			
Cash in bank	$ 10,028.02		
Note receivable from Corpus Christi Presbyterian Extension Committee	25,000.00		
Marketable securities—at cost	9,902.61		
Real estate notes	5,054.37		
Real estate—Pecos County, Texas (no assigned value)	—0—	$ 49,985.00	$ —0—
RECEIPTS			
Interest on Corpus Christi loan		—0—	750.00
Dividends from stocks:			
Southwestern Life Insurance Company	$ 159.00		
American Telephone & Telegraph Company	135.00		
General Foods Corporation	52.00	—0—	346.00
Interest on real estate notes		—0—	100.78
Grass rental—Pecos County, Texas, property		—0—	55.90
		$ 49,985.00	$ 1,252.68
DISBURSEMENTS			
Board of Annuities and Relief—oil royalties, applicable to prior year's income		$ —0—	$ 20.06
Auditing		—0—	25.00
Transfer to Fund of Treasurer of The General Assembly—income for the period		—0—	1,192.62
		$ —0—	$ 1,237.68
		$ 49,985.00	$ 15.00
TRANSFER OF INCOME TO CORPUS		15.00	15.00*
		$ 50,000.00	$ —0—
TRANSFER OF CORPUS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION, INC.—as directed by the General Assembly		* 50,000.00	—0—
BALANCE JULY 16, 1954		$ —0—	$ —0—

*Indicates red figures.

Corpus at July 16, 1954, transferred to The Trustees of the General Assembly and The Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., composed of:		
Cash		$ 11,097.25
Note receivable from Corpus Christi Presbyterian Extension Committee		25,000.00
Marketable securities—at cost:		
Southwestern Life Insurance Company 106 shares common	$ 4,951.25	
American Telephone & Telegraph Company 20 shares common	3,096.70	
General Foods Corporation 40 shares common	1,854.66	9,902.61
Real estate notes:		
P. J. Garrison, Jr.	3,897.70	
O. C. Butts	102.44	4,000.14
Real estate—undivided interest in 440 acres in Pecos County, Texas (no value assigned to this asset)		—0—
TOTAL		$ 50,000.00

Your Committee reports that the Stated Clerk of General Assembly has been appointed Chairman of the Regional (Southern) Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. This carries membership on the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Radio and Television Center, and on the Program Committee of the National Council. Previously, he had been appointed member of Business and Finance Committee of the National Council of Churches.

Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr., Assistant Stated Clerk and Assistant Treasurer, resigned, effective November 1. The Committee adopted the following resolution at its New Orleans meeting:

WHEREAS, our Assistant Stated Clerk, Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr., has resigned his office, our Committee would express its appreciation of his efficient service, his devotion to his office, his fine Christian spirit of cooperation with the Committee and of our association with him.

The Committee would also express its prayerful hope that God's rich blessing may rest upon him in his new work in Winston-Salem. We assure him our prayers and good wishes will follow him.

In answer to the General Assembly's request of the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to study the question of possible change in the date of the meeting, your committee reports as follows:

A questionnaire was sent to the Stated Clerks of presbyteries and synods seeking their counsel and advice in this matter. Sixty-nine replies have been received and the opinion as to whether or not the General Assembly should change its date of meeting is almost equally divided between those who think the date should be changed and those who think it should not.

Replies from those favoring change in the date gave two reasons:

1. The present time of meeting conflicts with commencements of high schools and colleges, camps and Young People's conferences.
2. More time is needed for the preparation of budgets in synods and presbyteries.

Those who favored the present date felt there was not sufficient reason to make the change.

Most of the replies favoring change in time of meeting suggested that the General Assembly meet either the last of April or the first of May.

The attention of the General Assembly is directed to the problem of finding a meeting-place in the event an earlier date is chosen. Due to the complications involved in the selection of an earlier date, upon request of the General Assembly, your committee will be glad to make further study with a view to bringing definite recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX B. GEAR, *Chairman*
RALPH E. WILGUS, *Secretary*

II. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

1. Annual Report of The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated

Your Trustees respectfully submit their Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1955.

The regular business of the Board has been carried on in the usual manner during the year, which consists of the handling of legacies, collecting income on investments and paying out the income in accordance with the terms of the different wills, receiving payments on notes, making new loans, and buying and selling securities. Details will be found in the Financial Report, which is made a part of this report. The Trust Department of the Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, N. C., is handling all financial matters pertaining to the Presbyterian Foundation. The Trustees are accepting a certified statement of our financial condition from the Commercial National Bank in lieu of our annual auditor's report.

New Legacies and Annuity Bonds:

Mrs. F. A. Manley, $50,000.00—cash and securities. At the last meeting of the General Assembly, which met in Montreat, N. C., on May 27, 1954, a recommendation was made that income proceeds be paid to the office of the General Assembly.

Mrs. Lulu G. Norton—has surrendered her annuity bond for $2,000.00 and has directed that the income be used by the Trustees for their purposes after they recover the excess interest which has been paid to her.

We now have the proceeds of 39 legacies totaling $819,074.14 and annuity bonds of $17,700.00. The Trustees also have general reserve funds of $17,086.55 and unexpended legacy income balances of $53,571.79. The Trustees have invested these funds as follows: U. S. Government Bonds $72,671.98, Corporation Bonds $259,877.09, Preferred Stocks $66,340.38, Common Stocks $204,433.30, First Mortgage Notes $274,630.47 and cash $25,866.55 and other assets of $3,612.71 on hand April 1, 1955.

The Trustees have endeavored to increase the income to be distributed to the beneficiaries while at the same time insuring the soundness of the investments. In this respect $30,214.67 of the stocks and bonds were sold during the year and $42,417.60 in securities were purchased. $105,283.29 in first mortgage notes were collected, while $159,545.14 in new loans were made. The Trustees employ the United Investment Counsel of Boston, Mass., as their consultant on investments. These changes of investments have resulted in the following relationship as to bonds, stocks and mortgages:

	3-31-54	*3-31-55*
Real Estate Mortgages	27.17	31.28
Bonds	41.10	37.88
Preferred Stock	8.18	7.56
Common Stock	23.55	23.28
	100.00%	100.00%

These changes in investment have resulted in a substantial percentage increase in legacy income, shown by the following comparison:

	Year ended 3-31-54	*Year ended 3-31-55*
Gross Income	$33,692.95	$34,161.60
Perecentage to Legacies	4.29%	4.14%
Net income after direct charges	29,842.18	30,193.04
Percentage to Legacies	3.80%	3.66%

In addition to the above, income which was earned on investments made directly by the Trustees, income was also received from Louisville Trust Company, Louisville, Ky., which handles the John Sutton Legacy, in the amount of $497.29 and from the R. A. Dunn Legacy, which is administered by the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., in the amount of $5,289.79.

Legacy income in the amount of $29,767.09 was distributed to beneficiaries during the year and annuities of $1,066.30 were paid. This leaves a balance of $53,571.79 legacy income, which is distributable to various beneficiaries. The Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund accumulated a balance of $39,194.31 and the E. D. Latta Memorial Fund $8,927.31, which constitutes the majority of this fund. The Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund

continues to accumulate funds faster than can be distributed. This fund, which aids white orphan children of Brantley County, Georgia, received $7,007.71 and disbursed $2,140.00 during the year. The E. D. Latta Memorial Fund distributed $9,734.50 for aid to ministerial students for the year.

The terms of the following members expire with the 1955 meeting of the Assembly: (All three Trustees eligible for re-election)

Mr. C. Grattan Price
Rev. Carl Pritchett
Mr. T. S. McPheeters

Officers of the Board:

The officers of your Board are as follows: T. S. McPheeters, President; I. W. Stewart, Vice President; F. L. Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Attention is called to the fact that all of the regular causes of the Church are receiving income regularly from funds in the hands of the Trustees, and we are also paying income regularly to Assembly Training School, Union Theological Seminary, one college, three orphanages, one Synod, three Presbyteries, five local churches, one church paper and office of the General Assembly.

The financial report can give other pertinent information as to source and distribution of funds and the financial position of the organization.

The 1954 General Assembly had before it some matters relating to The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Presbyterian Foundation, Incorporated. (See page 95, Part I, Minutes of 1954 Assembly). In disposing of the matter in question the General Assembly requested the Board of Annuities and Relief and The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., to make a joint study of the work of The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., looking toward a possible transfer of this corporation to the Board of Annuities and Relief for supervision and a vigorous program of promotion in the Church. It was further requested that a report, with recommendation, be presented to the 1955 General Assembly.

No joint report has been prepared but considerable study has been given this matter by both agencies.

On January 26, 1955, representatives of the Board of Annuities and Relief met with the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., in Charlotte, N. C., at which meeting after considering several possible plans for reorganization of this corporation, this unofficial group passed the following resolution:

> "That the Board of Annuities & Relief be asked to accept the responsibility of making the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., a department of its Board as implied in the action of the General Assembly as being a possibility; and if the Board of Annuities and Relief be willing to do so, the Board be asked to formulate a report to the 1955 General Assembly for consideration and possible adoption by the two Boards concerned in the matter."

The Board of Annuities and Relief at a meeting held some weeks later expressed an unwillingness to accept the responsibility implied as a possibility by the General Assembly.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., on May 4th, 1955, having no joint report before it for consideration took the following action:

> "The Board of Annuities and Relief having expressed an unwillingness to assume responsibilities that the Assembly implied might be possible and not having any other plan that the joint bodies might recommend to the 1955 General Assembly, the Trustees of this Corporation suggests that the Assembly be so informed and that request be made for a continuation of the Committee for another year.

In the absence of a joint report with recommendation, I trust that this report will be accepted in lieu thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
T. S. MCPHEETERS, *President*
F. L. JACKSON, *Secretary*

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION, INC.

EXHIBIT A

BALANCE SHEET 3/31/55

ASSETS

Cash in Bank		$ 25,866.55
Investments		
First mortgage notes (Schedule 3)	$274,630.47	
Bonds (Schedule 2)	332,549.07	
Preferred stock (Schedule 1)	66,340.38	
Common stock (Schedule 1)	204,433.30	877,953.22
Interest recoverable (Annuities paid in excess of income earned)		2,047.60
Due from expense account		1,356.67
Furniture and fixtures		208.44
		$907,432.48

LIABILITIES

Trust legacies (Schedule 4)		$819,074.14
Annuity bonds (Schedule 4)		17,700.00
Reserves		
General reserves	$ 17,066.55	
Miscellaneous gifts	20.00	17,086.55
Unexpended balances		
Blowing Rock Youth Fund	4,748.24	
Call Fund	4.00	
Kenly Memorial Fund	242.97	
Latta Memorial Fund	8,927.31	
Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund	39,194.31	
McElwee Fund	404.96	
Workman Grave Fund	50.00	53,571.79
		$907,432.48

EXHIBIT B

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Principal		
Notes Receivable Collected		$105,283.29
Securities Sold or Redeemed		30,214.67
Cash Additions to Legacies		50,000.00
Income Received		
Income from Legacy and Annuity Investments		34,161.60
Other Legacy Income		5,787.08
Other Items		
Expense Account Receipts (Schedule 4)	$ 4,714.79	
Less Transfers (Non Cash Items)	4,410.22	304.57
Bank Balance March 31, 1954	37,584.60	$263,335.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Principal	
Loans Made	$159,545.14
Securities Purchased	42,417.60

Income Disbursements	
Legacy Income Distributed to Beneficiaries (Schedule 5)	29,767.09
Annuities Paid	1,066.30
Expense Account Disbursements (Schedule 4)	4,673.13
Balance in Bank March 31, 1955	25,866.55
	$263,335.81

SCHEDULE 1

STOCKS

Preferred Stock:	No. of Shares	Cost
The Flintkote Company, $4.00 cum. pfd.	100	$ 10,747.50
General Tire and Rubber Company, 3¾% cum. pfd.	100	9,835.00
Household Finance Corporation, 3¾% cum. pfd.	150	15,042.90
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 5½% first pfd.	300	10,864.50
Potomac Electric Power Company, 3.60%	126	5,418.00
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, 3.60%	150	14,432.48
		$ 66,340.38
Common Stock:		
American Telephone and Telegraph Company	180	$ 27,814.15
Armstrong Cork Company	150	11,414.99
Borden Company	176	8,730.63
Chemical Corn Bank and Trust Company	220	9,225.00
Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C.	200	11,100.00
Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company	250	6,465.98
Corn Products Refining Company	125	8,552.32
General Foods Corporation	40	1,854.66
International Harvester Company	300	10,620.18
Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company	100	6,922.12
Mesta Machine Company	200	10,162.30
Mutual Building and Loan, Charlotte, N. C.	100	10,000.00
Mutual Home and Savings Association, Newport News, Virginia	5	500.00
National Biscuit Company	300	11,062.31
Phillips Petroleum Company	60	3,272.80
Southwestern Life Insurance Company	106	4,951.25
Sterling Drug, Inc.	200	7,668.00
Sterling Investment Fund, Inc.	2,100	20,802.46
Texas Company	300	17,351.10
Underwood Corporation	150	7,754.72
Virginia Electric and Power Company	300	8,208.33
		$204,433.30
Total Preferred and Common Stock		$270,773.68

SCHEDULE 2

BONDS

	Par Value	Book Value
Aluminum Co. of America, 3⅛% of 2/1/64	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,175.48
American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 2⅞% of 6/1/87	10,000.00	10,205.13
American Tobacco Company, 3% of 10/15/69	9,000.00	9,334.68
Atlantic Refining Company, 2⅝% of 1/15/66	10,000.00	10,034.35
Celanese Corporation of America, 3% of 10/1/65	9,000.00	9,234.51
Chicago Union Station, 3⅛% of 1/1/63	15,000.00	15,311.98
Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., 3% of 5/1/61	10,000.00	10,219.69
Louisiana Power and Light Co., 3% of 4/1/74	15,000.00	15,560.66
Narragansett Electric Co., 3% of 9/1/74	10,000.00	10,496.99

New York Connecting Railroad Co., 2⅞% of 10/1/75	5,000.00	4,990.94
New York Power and Light Co., 2¾% of 3/1/75	10,000.00	10,041.33
New York Steam Corporation, 3½% of 7/1/63	10,000.00	10,275.07
Northern States Power Co. of Wisconsin, 2⅝% of 4/1/77	10,000.00	10,094.83
Ohio Edison Company, 3% of 9/1/74	15,000.00	15,637.12
Pacific Gas and Electric Co., 3% of 12/1/79	10,000.00	10,539.95
Philadelphia Electric Co., 2¾% of 12/1/81	10,000.00	10,106.20
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 3% of 4/1/67	10,000.00	10,070.37
Public Service Company of Indiana, 3⅛% of 9/1/75	10,000.00	10,500.00
Package Products Company, 6% of 11/1/64	10,000.00	10,000.00
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., 3% of 7/1/79	15,000.00	15,822.11
Southern California Gas Co., 3¼% of 10/1/70	15,000.00	15,476.92
Union Electric Company of Missouri, 3% of 5/1/68	15,000.00	15,234.48
Washington Water Power Co., 3½% of 6/1/64	10,000.00	10,514.30
United States Treasury 1½% notes of 4/1/58	40,000.00	40,671.98
United States Treasury Series "G", 2½% of 1/1/57	10,000.00	10,000.00
United States Treasury Series "G", 2½% of 10/1/56	2,000.00	2,000.00
United States Treasury Series "G", 2½% of 1/1/61	20,000.00	20,000.00
		$332,549.07

SCHEDULE 3

FIRST MORTGAGE NOTES RECEIVABLE

	Date of Note	Original Amount	Rate	Balance
Herman F. Anderson	9/8/54	$10,000.00	5%	$ 9,000.00
L. L. Bartlett	8/4/54	500.00	6%	500.00
Fannie Basinger and Mary Yarbrough	4/5/51	5,000.00	6%	500.00
H. L. Bizzell	7/9/51	6,000.00	5%	4,250.00
F. T. Broome	1/25/52	18,000.00	5%	12,600.00
F. T. Broome	8/27/54	14,000.00	5%	13,300.00
F. D. Collins	4/8/53	12,500.00	5%	10,625.00
F. D. Collins	6/22/53	12,500.00	5%	11,250.00
H. W. Covington	10/4/54	3,700.00	5%	3,700.00
R. D. Crater	3/31/55	11,000.00	5%	11,000.00
R. D. Crater	10/27/54	8,000.00	5%	8,000.00
S. H. Duncan	2/17/55	8,000.00	5%	8,000.00
J. E. and Stanley F. Elrod	9/2/53	25,000.00	6%	25,000.00
William Fine	8/21/53	5,000.00	5%	3,500.00
Wm. W. Garthright	1/15/42	4,000.00	5%	3,000.00
R. Craig Gaskell	9/6/51	13,500.00	5%	9,000.00
P. C. Godfrey, Inc.	11/24/47	10,000.00	4½%	3,000.00
Palmer L. Gordon	2/11/55	5,500.00	5%	5,500.00
M. H. Gribble	7/28/54	8,500.00	5%	7,900.00
Robert L. Henson	8/17/53	1,500.00	5%	1,050.00
J. L. Hoyle	12/7/48	2,000.00	5%	1,000.00
R. E. James	8/24/50	12,000.00	4%	1,200.00
R. E. James	4/8/53	6,000.00	5%	5,700.00
D. J. Karnazes	2/28/53	5,000.00	5%	3,000.00
D. Ben Kelly	3/21/55	12,000.00	5%	12,000.00
W. M. Morris	1/15/46	1,000.00	6%	1,000.00
Preston Nowlin	9/13/50	3,800.00	4½%	3,100.00
W. P. Pender	11/4/53	2,400.00	6%	1,900.00
Presbyterian Extension Committee of Corpus Christi, Texas	7/29/47	25,000.00	4%	25,000.00
Ivey Owens Puckett	12/18/52	15,000.00	5%	12,000.00

W. L. Puckett	6/16/54	11,000.00	5%	10,800.00
H. H. Rhyne	5/7/53	1,000.00	5%	1,000.00
Paul M. Robertson	5/27/54	6,800.00	5%	6,460.00
F. A. Rodgers	11/1/50	3,750.00	5%	2,445.47
Lucy Crane Scott	5/9/51	10,000.00	5%	2,300.00
Thomas F. Shull	3/5/54	5,000.00	5%	4,500.00
J. Leon Smith	2/16/51	5,000.00	5%	3,250.00
A. M. Stafford	6/7/48	1,500.00	5%	1,500.00
B. J. Stephens	9/8/50	3,500.00	5%	2,000.00
Mary S. Wannamaker	9/5/50	6,000.00	5%	3,000.00
Walter W. Watt	5/1/54	10,000.00	5%	9,500.00
Geo. N. Wingate	11/17/52	4,600.00	5½%	3,400.00
Rudolph M. Wyche	1/10/51	2,000.00	5%	400.00
Ruth Yelverton	2/1/55	7,500.00	5%	7,500.00
				$274,630.47

SCHEDULE 4

LEGACY INCOME RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Legacy Investment Income	$34,862.01
Less amortization of bond premiums	700.41
	$34,161.60

EXPENSES

United Investment Counsel	$ 936.00	
Custodian and Accounting Fee	2,400.00	
Annual Board Meeting	567.55	
Office Rent	438.00	
Printing	15.00	
Transfer Tax	4.20	
Office Salaries	300.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rent	11.00	
Miscellaneous	1.38	
	4,673.13	
Less 5% commission Dunn and Sutton Legacy	304.57	
	4,368.56	
Less $150 fee on Vinton Pace's matured annuity bond	150.00	
	4,218.56	
Less $250 Bartz and Gilchrist legacy income to defray expenses	250.00	3,968.56
Income Distributed to Legacies		$30,193.04

INCOME DISTRIBUTED TO LEGACIES

	Principal	Distribution
J. R. Abernethy	$ 3,000.00	$ 109.16
Susan D. Adger	32,815.47	1,194.00
S. P. Alexander	5,000.00	181.93
Sophia Bartz	7,015.93	255.28
Florence Chambers	2,000.00	72.77
Dewitt Crane	12,500.00	454.82
Josephine Crane	25,407.56	924.46
Samuel Davies	7,217.86	262.62

H. P. Eakle	12,103.62	440.39
Elizabeth Fitzgerald	6,758.50	245.91
H. W. Flinn	6,658.37	242.27
Elizabeth Gibson	1,000.00	36.39
Peter S. Gilchrist	2,000.00	72.77
Frank H. Gilkerson	1,887.21	68.67
Bessie E. J. Gresham	5,000.00	181.93
William Guthrie	1,500.00	54.58
Frederick Brooks Hubbell	2,250.00	81.87
Edna K. James	600.00	21.83
Thos. P. Johnston	1,640.29	59.68
Kate M. Knox	17,767.90	646.49
Fannie M. Kyle	1,000.00	36.38
E. D. Latta	245,085.67	8,917.52
T. J. McConnell	4,239.02	154.24
W. H. McElwee	5,000.00	181.92
John McMillan	52,404.50	1,906.75
William Moore	500.00	18.19
Vinton M. Pace	3,000.00	109.16
Wm. Patterson	1,800.00	65.49
Goetner E. M. Parkhurst	192,597.15	7,007.71
J. B. Sawtell	38,278.20	1,392.77
J. E. Sherrill	56,000.00	2,037.58
Charlotte A. Smith	4,249.19	154.61
Isaac C. Sydenstricker	3,781.06	137.58
R. M. Tuttle	4,106.05	149.40
Hannah M. Walker	400.00	14.55
W. S. White	500.00	18.19
Wm. Workman	5,550.01	201.94
F. A. Manley	50,000.00	1,364.45
Lulu G. Norton	2,000.00	72.77
ANNUITY BONDS		
Lillian H. Rogers	700.00	25.47
Mary A. Barkee	6,000.00	218.31
Nancy Lee Gilmour	5,000.00	181.92
Mrs. Annie Hadley Hill	5,000.00	181.93
James E. O'Kelley	1,000.00	36.39
	$842,313.56	$30,193.04

SCHEDULE 4-A

DISTRIBUTION OF LEGACY INCOME TO BENEFICIARIES

	% Distribution	Distribution	Total
Abernethy, J. R.			
World Missions	50	$ 54.58	
Home Missions Concord Presby.	50	54.58	$ 109.16
Adger, Susan D.			
World Missions	100	1,194.00	1,194.00
Alexander, S. P.			
Christian Ed. in Meck. Presby.	100	181.93	181.93
Bartz, Sophia			
Expense Account	100	255.28	255.28
Chambers, Florence			
Meadow Creek Presby. Ch.,			
Greeneville, Tenn.	100	72.77	72.77

Crane, Dewitt			
World Missions	20.83	94.74	
Assembly's Home Missions	20.83	94.74	
Union Theological Seminary	20.83	94.74	
Assembly's Training School	20.83	94.74	
Orphan's Home, Lynchburg, Va.	16.68	75.86	454.82
Crane, Josephine R.			
Assembly's Training School	100	924.46	924.46
Davies, Samuel			
Tunstall, Va. Church	100	262.62	262.62
Eakle, H. P.			
World Missions	100	440.39	440.39
Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Ann			
Home Missions, E. Hanover, Va. Presby.	100	245.91	245.91
Flinn, H. W.			
World Missions	33⅓	80.75	
Assembly's Home Missions	33⅓	80.76	
Annuities and Relief	16⅔	40.38	
Board of Christian Education	16⅔	40.38	242.27
Gibson, Elizabeth			
World Missions	100	36.39	36.39
Gilchrist, Peter S.			
World Missions	50	36.39	
Expense Account	50	36.38	72.77
Gilkerson, Frank H.			
World Missions	50	34.34	
Assembly's Home Missions	50	34.33	68.67
Gresham, Bessie E. J.			
World Missions	50	90.97	
Assembly's Home Missions	50	90.96	181.93
Guthrie, William			
World Missions	100	54.58	54.58
Hubbell, Frederick B.			
Annuities and Relief	100	81.87	81.87
James, Edna K.			
Kenly Memorial Student Loan Fund	100	21.83	21.83
Johnston, Thos. P.			
World Missions	50	29.84	
Assembly's Home Missions	50	29.84	59.68
Knox, Kate M.			
World Missions	50	323.25	
Home Missions in Concord Presby.	50	323.24	646.49
Kyle, Fannie M.			
World Missions	100	36.38	36.38
Latta, E. D.			
Latta Memorial Fund	100	8,917.52	8,917.52
McConnell, T. J.			
Annuities and Relief	50	77.12	
Board of Christian Education	50	77.12	154.24
McElwee, W. H.			
McElwee Fund	100	181.92	181.92
McMillan, John			
Stockton, Ala., Presby. Church	30	572.03	
Alabama Orphans Home	20	381.35	
World Missions	30	572.02	
Assembly's Home Missions	20	381.35	1,906.75
Moore, William			
Assembly's Home Missions	100	18.19	18.19
Parkhurst, Goetner E. M.			
Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund	100	7,007.71	7,007.71

Pace, Vinton M.			
Vinton Pace Income Fund	100	109.16	109.16
Patterson, William			
Mt. Horeb, Va., Church	100	65.49	65.49
Sawtell, J. B.			
World Missions	56	779.95	
Assembly's Home Missions	30	417.83	
Annuities and Relief	14	194.99	1,392.77
Sherrill, J. E.			
Reserve Account	55.36	1,128.01	
Union Theological Seminary	17.86	363.91	
World Missions	7.14	145.48	
Annuities and Relief	3.57	72.74	
Board of Christian Education	3.57	72.74	
Assembly's Home Missions	8.93	181.96	
Barium Springs Orphanage	3.57	72.74	2,037.58
Smith, Charlotte A.			
Annuities and Relief	50	77.31	
Board of Christian Education	50	77.30	154.61
Sydenstricker, Isaac C.			
Home Missions in Missouri	50	68.79	
Presbyterian Mission Sta.—			
Chinkiang, China	25	34.40	
Foreign Missions Special—Some			
minister in Africa	25	34.39	137.58
Tuttle, R. M.			
Annuities and Relief	50	74.70	
Board of Christian Education	50	74.70	149.40
Walker, Hannah M.			
Augusta, Va., Stone Church	100	14.55	14.55
White, W. S.			
Annuities and Relief	50	9.09	
Board of Christian Education	50	9.10	18.19
Workman, Wm.			
Care of Grave		45.00	
Centre College		156.94	201.94
Manley, F. A.			
Office of the General Assembly	100	1,364.45	1,364.45
Norton, Lulu G.			
Reserve Account	100	72.77	72.77
			$29,549.02

SCHEDULE 5

DISTRIBUTION OF LEGACY INCOME TO BENEFICIARIES DURING THE YEAR ENDING 3/31/55

Board of World Missions	$ 5,057.55
Board of Annuities and Relief	896.18
Board of Church Extension	1,976.34
Board of Christian Education	663.95
Home Missions Concord Presbytery	377.82
Christian Education in Mecklenburg Presbytery	181.93
Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church	72.77
Union Theological Seminary	8,306.15
General Assembly's Training School	1,019.20
Presbyterian Orphans Home, Lynchburg, Virginia	75.86
Tunstall, Va., Presbyterian Church	262.62
Home Missions, East Hanover, Va., Presbytery	245.91
Stockton, Ala., Presbyterian Church	572.03

Presbyterian Home for Children, Talladega, Ala.	381.35
Mount Horeb, Va., Presbyterian Church	65.49
Presbyterian Orphans Home, Barium Springs, N. C.	72.74
Home Missions in Missouri	68.79
Presbyterian Mission Station, Chinkiang, China	34.40
Foreign Missions Special—For some minister in Africa	34.39
Augusta, Va., Stone Church	14.55
Centre College	156.94
General Fund of the Presbyterian Church	301.87
Inter-Church Agencies	15.95
Southern Presbyterian Journal	1,062.93
Negro Youth Work in Charlotte	1,062.93
Office of the General Assembly	1,364.45
Aid to orphan girls, Brantley County, Ga.	2,140.00
Blowing Rock, N. C., Youth Work	1,350.00
Care of Workman Grave, Mt. Gilead, Ky.	45.00
Aid to ministerial students of Asheville Presbytery	1,887.00
	$29,767.90

2. ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1954

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.

After Forty Years

On November 4, 1914 the General Assembly established this school to claim for Christ, and to prepare for service in His church, men and women who want to give their lives in full-time church vocations but do not feel called to the ordained ministry. The work and experience of these forty years have brought the school to a strong position for continued and enlarged service.

Greater Need

One evidence of the good service which has been rendered is the Church's increasing demand for the products of the school. Every year more churches are recognizing the value of the services of well-prepared, full-time lay men and women. With congregations growing in size, with new congregations being organized, with more pastors and people seeking a strong program of Christian education and nurture in the fundamentals of the faith, with expansion continuing in the world mission fields, the need for the products of this Assembly's school seems destined to increase for some time.

Increased Enrollment

At such a time it is good to be able to announce that the class which entered the school at the beginning of the 1954-55 school year is the largest since the school began to grant degrees in 1933. Eighty-nine first-year students, plus forty returning seniors, plus four students who entered at the beginning of the second quarter brought the enrollment to 133 at the end of December, 1954.

Serving the Whole Church

A study of the enrollment for the past ten years reveals that those whom the Assembly's school prepares come from every synod of the Church. A listing of the synods represented, in order of the number of students from each synod, reveals that the order almost exactly corresponds with a listing of the synods by the number of communicant members. A listing of those going out to serve, in order of the number going to each synod, reveals practically that same order of listing for the ten-year period. The members of the class finishing in 1954 went out to serve in the synods as follows: (listed in order of the number going to each synod) North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia the same; Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Missouri the same.

Enlarged Program Offered

The program offered by the school seeks to reflect the need of the churches. During this year definite steps were taken to enlarge and make more effective the school's offerings in the fields of World Missions, Field Work, and Church Music. The Board of Trustees invited Dr. Burnet C. Tuthill of Southwestern at Memphis, and secretary of the National Association of Schools of Music, to study the school's music offerings and outline a program for strengthening our service in this field. Definite plans have been made, and some of them are already in effect.

During the year an experiment has been undertaken in making the library located on the campus of Union Theological Seminary the joint library of the two institutions, since there might be duplication in two libraries. A joint library committee is working on the details of this arrangement. If it proves satisfactory and is approved by the boards of the two institutions it will become permanent. The Assembly's Training School will then assume its share of the responsibility for the one library. The present A. T. S. library will be used as demonstration church library, a demonstration church office and as a reading room.

Additional Faculty and Staff

During the year which closed December 31, 1954 some additions were made to the faculty and the staff for full or part-time servce. In the field of World Missions we were able to secure by special arrangement with the congregation which he serves at New Monmouth, Virginia, the part-time service of Dr. Frank W. Price, recently returned from China. In the field of Music was added the part-time services of Mr. Arthur D. Rhea, organist of Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, Virginia, to teach organ, and the services of Mrs. Madeline Dean Ingram of the faculty of Lynchburg College, to teach children's choir methods.

Additions to the staff included the employment of Mr. Daniel S. Marshall as Treasurer and Business Manager, and Miss Leone S. Patterson as secretary to the dean of students and to the director of field work.

Improved Building Facilities

The new administration building put into use in the fall of 1953 has provided new and modern classrooms and offices, and has also released dormitory space formerly used for these purposes. During the past year the room used as a chapel was remodelled and refurnished; the floors of the dormitory were covered with asphalt tile; a recreation room was provided and equipped; work was begun on a choir practice room, and sound-proof rooms for individual music practice. The tennis courts were put into condition. Remodelling of the house at 3505 Brook Road, purchased some years ago, will serve to make more room available for increased faculty and student housing needs. Still further work is contemplated in order to make it possible for the school to house all the qualified applicants who apply for training. A thorough job of renovating and redecorating the interiors, and of painting the exteriors of the faculty homes was completed.

Session Ending May 1954

At the 1954 commencement exercises degrees were conferred upon thirty-eight students as follows:

13 received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree
15 received the Master of Religious Education degree
10 received the Master of Arts in English Bible

Summer School

In response to a number of expressions of need from various parts of the Assembly the school provided a summer session of two weeks in August, 1954. The following courses were offered: The Christian Faith and Its Communication; The Work of the Director of Christian Education; The Use of Drama in the Church; I Corinthians; Adult Choir Training; Children's Choir Training; Worship and Hymn Singing; Organ Playing; and private lessons in organ and voice.

It was a most profitable session for those attending. The small enrollment, however, has led the administration and faculty to conclude that the demand for such a school does not justify the expenditure involved and the summer session will not be held in 1955.

Inauguration Ceremony

Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer was inaugurated as the sixth president of the Assembly's Training School in a very impressive ceremony held on November 4, 1954. Representatives from ninety-one colleges, universities and seminaries, and from the boards and agencies of the Church joined in this occasion.

Enlistment

The continuing and growing need for full-time workers in church vocations leads us to continue a strong effort to enlist more men and women for training. In this enlistment we have carried on an extensive correspondence. Representatives have visited in as many areas of the Church as possible. Experience is proving that not only those who are just finishing college but also more mature men and women can be claimed for training in full-time church service. Some of the most valuable workers who go out from our school are from this category.

Assembly's Training School Auxiliary

For a number of years now the service of the school has been strengthened by the special help of the friends of the school who enroll as members of the Assembly's Training School Auxiliary. The membership requirement is a minimum contribution of $1 per year. Membership is open to all. During the past year 190 members have been added. Much needed work in re-equipping the outmoded kitchen of the school was the project started last year. Interested people are invited to write to ATSA, 3400 Brook Road, Richmond 27, Virginia.

Gratitude

Once again we give thanks to God for His goodness manifest as He has blessed this school in so many ways. We are grateful to all the churches of the General Assembly for contributing to the support of this task of preparing workers for the harvest field here at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The school has benefited this year from the following special gifts:

$5,000 from Mr. Ralph S. Robinson and family of Gastonia, N. C., in memory of Dr. J. H. Henderlite, whose daughter, Dr. Rachel Henderlite is one of our professors, to set up a library of audio-visual materials.

$2,365 from the estate of James Monroe Payne.

$10,000 from the estate of John Adger Law.

$3,500 from the estate of Ernest T. George for music department.

$2,000 from Marguerite Eakins Johnston to set up an endowed scholarship in memory of her father, Oliver Mason Eakins.

$5,000 gift, the second of a three-year award from a philanthropic foundation for the support of the Chair of Religious Education.

Ten shares of Bendix Aviation common stock, gift of Miss Marie von Blucher of Corpus Christi, Texas.

$500 from Mrs. Maynard M. Miller of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

$500 from Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Jeffress of Richmond, Virginia.

In addition to these, special gifts other than scholarships have been received from the Highland Park Methodist Church, Miss Rachael Wylie, Mr. R. L. Williamson, Mr. Robert Glasgow, Mrs. Fannie R. Cooke, Mrs. C. M. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McMillan, Mr. S. A. White, Jr., Mr. E. M. Townsend, Mr. L. V. Baldwin, Mrs. T. Lee Craig, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Sherrill, Mrs. Henry B. Crawford, and Mrs. W. M. Norfleet, Jr.

We will continue to be thankful for the prayers and the service of all those who through the years have given of themselves to increase the usefulness of the school.

Finances

The school has been able to meet all its current obligations and ended the year without debt. The balance sheet shows an increase of $56,999.44 in total assests.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

CURRENT FUND			
Petty Cash		$ 100.00	
Cash in Bank		52,701.87	$ 52,801.87
PLANT FUND			
Land		72,677.33	
School Buildings		404,393.23	
Administration Building		272,366.96	
Dwellings		134,515.42	
Garages		6,083.66	
Furniture and Fixtures		54,421.54	
Heating System		2,114.10	946,572.24
STUDENT LOAN AND SPECIAL FUND			
Cash in Bank		15,017.83	
Student Loans		1,262.74	
Investments		3,000.00	19,280.57
SCHOLARSHIP FUND			
Cash in Bank		23,912.12	
Investments		18,487.83	42,399.95
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND			
Cash in Bank		21,820.25	
Investments		16,338.68	38,158.93
PERMANENT FUND			
Cash—Uninvested Principal		11,504.31	
Investments	925,820.10		
Investments in Process	106,370.00	1,032,190.10	1,043,694.41
TOTAL ASSETS			2,142,907.97

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

CURRENT FUND			
Accounts Payable		$ 3,429.58	
A. T. S. Auxiliary Fund		2,233.92	
Reserve for New Equipment, Replacement and Repairs		8,839.42	
Reserve for Development of Program		24,504.74	
Surplus		13,794.21	$ 52,801.87
PLANT FUND			946,572.24
STUDENT LOAN AND SPECIAL FUND			
Student Loan Fund		9,810.10	
Library Fund		189.87	
Special Fund—Designated		8,840.60	
Special Fund—Undesignated		440.00	19,280.57
SCHOLARSHIP FUND			42,399.95
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND			38,158.93

PERMANENT FUND			
Endowment Accounts			
General	$ 92,881.76		
Josephine E. Brown	50,000.00		
Department of Children's Work	3,150.00		
Mollie F. Elliott	11,732.61		
J. A. Law Fund	10,000.00		
Sara E. Morrison Maintenance	10,000.00		
President's Chair	120,000.00		
Professors' Chairs	158,100.56		
Edmonia W. Saunders	1,000.00		
Martin Ryerson Turnbull	127,323.08		
W. W. Williamson	200,115.48		
Scholarship Endowment			
General	9,690.49		
Brattan	5,000.00		
Edward N. Caldwell	975.00		
DeWitt Crane	1,000.00		
Myra Driscoll	1,402.55		
Oliver Mason Eakins	2,000.00		
Hagood Memorial	5,400.00		
Emma Harris	2,500.00		
Manie Heard	3,000.00		
Georgia Hewson	1,106.35		
Alice Johnson	2,000.00		
Natalie Lancaster	500.00		
Rowena McMillan	1,346.10		
Morris Memorial	517.25		
Phillips (Texas)	3,000.00		
Ruth Puckett	1,820.29		
Margaret Russell	213.00		
S. P. Stowe	10,000.00		
Amelia R. Turnbull	4,000.00		
Nell and Julia K. Wallace	500.00		
Alice J. Wiesner	1,000.00		
Julia Craig Young	2,000.00		
Plant Maintenance	102,265.00		
Building and Improvement	57,000.00	1,002,539.52	
Reserve		7,844.21	
Natalie Lancaster Memorial		125.00	
Total		1,010,508.73	
Laura May Stebbins Fund		33,185.68	1,043,694.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS			$2,142,907.97

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 1954

INCOME	
Contributions	$123,420.70
Received from Equalization Fund	22,788.73
Received from Investments for Operation	10,000.00
Room, Board, Tuition	59,466.98
Music Fees	525.00
Grant from Foundation	5,000.00
TOTAL	$221,201.41

EXPENSES

Administrative	
Administrative Salaries	$ 59,902.42
Ministers' Annuity Fund	2,189.44
Employees' Annuity Fund	1,471.21
Social Security Tax	1,440.32
Catalogs and Quarterly Bulletins	2,378.35
Enlistment, Advertising and Promotion	2,174.57
Inauguration	538.91
Insurance	2,051.31
Library	3,843.36
Miscellaneous	2,959.29
Promotional Assessments	970.50
Speakers and Commencement	135.00
Stationery and Supplies	2,568.79
Taxes — Sewer — Franchise	5.00
Telephone and Telegraph	2,373.85
Travel	2,703.88
Kitchen	
Kitchen Salaries	11,080.96
Food and Ice	16,690.68
Gas and Water	1,165.53
Kitchen Supplies	613.68
Buildings	
Building Salaries	9,414.18
Electricity	2,539.49
Fuel	5,036.03
Linen and Laundry	588.43
Plant Maintenance	5,731.52
5% of Churches' Contributions paid to Equalization Fund	6,171.04
Reserve New Equipment Replacement & Repairs	22,040.90
Reserve for Development of Program	52,422.77
TOTAL	$221,201.41

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is presently constituted as follows:

Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Sr., D.D., Atlanta, Ga.	1955
Mrs. Paul K. Buckles, Newport News, Va.	1955
Mrs. Julian B. Hutaff, Fayetteville, N. C.	1955
Rev. Frederick H. Olert, D.D., Richmond, Virginia	1955
Rev. Philip A. Roberts, Th.M., Fredericksburg, Va.	1955
Rev. James Sprunt, D.D., Raleigh, N. C.	1955
Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Richmond, Va.	1955
Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, D.D., Atlanta, Ga.	1956
Rev. E. S. Campbell, Ph.D., Tampa, Florida	1956
Mrs. F. R. Crawford, Farmville, Va.	1956
Judge M. Ray Doubles, Richmond, Va.	1956
Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.	1956
Miss Janie McCutchen, Atlanta, Ga.	1956
Mr. H. H. Wood, Harrisonburg, Va.	1956
Rev. W. E. Crane, Th.D., Knoxville, Tenn.	1957
Mr. George H. Flowers, Jr., Richmond, Va.	1957
Mr. William R. Gardner, Richmond, Va.	1957
Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D.D., Dunedin, Florida	1957
Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, D.D., Memphis, Tenn.	1957
Mrs. Donald W. Richardson, Richmond, Va.	1957
Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, Th.D., Beckley, W. Va.	1957

Judge M. Ray Doubles is president of the Board; Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, vice-president; Mr. H. H. Wood, secretary; and Mr. Daniel S. Marshall, treasurer.

It is reported for the information of the General Assembly that the terms of service of the following trustees expire at this meeting of the Assembly: Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Sr., Mrs. Paul K. Buckles, Mrs. Julian B. Hutaff, Rev. Frederick H. Olert, Rev. Philip A. Roberts, Rev. James Sprunt, and Mrs. J. N. Thomas.

Recommendations

1. That the Assembly approve the re-election of Dr. Robert F. Boyd as Professor of Bible for a term of three years.
2. That the Assembly approve the re-election of Miss Josephine Newbury as Associate Director of Field Work and Assistant Professor of Religious Education for a term of three years.
3. That the Assembly urge pastors and sessions to observe Training School Day on April 8, 1956, so as to acquaint their congregations with the service the school is rendering, the opportunities it offers, and its needs.
4. That the Assembly urge each synod, presbytery and local church to see that the General Assembly's Training School receives through the General Fund its full share of the Assembly's Benevolent Budget.
5. That the Assembly request pastors and other church leaders to direct to the school men and women of superior gifts and consecration, those of maturity and experience as well as young people of college age, that they may be prepared to meet the Church's urgent need for more trained workers.
6. That the Assembly instruct the trustees as authorized by previous Assemblies to continue their efforts to raise funds for permanent improvements and endowment.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL
By H. H. WOOD, *Secretary*

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3. REPORT OF STILLMAN COLLEGE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RICHMOND, VIRGINIA — JUNE 2, 1955

The year 1954-55 is another one of definite progress for this institution. The following facts are evidence of this progress.

I. Student Body

The student body has grown over last year's by 34%, the total enrollment reaching 309. Of these, 95 are men students, a considerable increase. Fifty-five of the student body is Presbyterian, which is over a third of the boarding students.

Another increase is in the number of volunteers for full time Christian service. Twenty-nine have declared the intention of entering either the ministry, mission work, educational work of the Church, or the Y.M.C.A. service. The growth in the student body is largely due to the achievement of accreditation which was effected in December 1953, and to better recruiting methods.

Especially do we call attention to the number of students from Mississippi; twenty-seven this year, over-doubling the number of the previous year. A great deal of this is due to the splendid work of the Reverend L. S. Rounds of Greenville, Mississippi, who visited the high schools of the state and presented Stillman to the seniors there. Mr Rounds is now recruiting for next year, and expects to visit not only Mississippi, but some of the schools in Louisiana and Arkansas.

II. Faculty and Staff

We now have twenty-four full time and seven part time faculty members. Of these, Dr. R. E. Tidwell is a new-comer and is worthy of special attention. He was formerly Superintendent of Education of the State of Alabama and, as such, he might be called the father of modern education in the public schools of the state. His work in the

improvement of public education for Negroes was outstanding. For the last quarter of a century, Dr. Tidwell has been Dean of the Extension Schools at the University of Alabama. In the building up of these schools in the larger centers of the state he has won national recognition.

III. Increased Facilities

As a result from the Campaign, the following new buildings have been erected:

Women's Administration Building and Dormitory
Men's Dormitory Annex
A beautiful faculty home for the Dean of the College

All three of these buildings would be a credit to any college. The pride the students take in them is rewarding.

Other improvements have been: the revamping of the entire sewerage system, two new sewer lines having been constructed; the extension of water mains through the campus with the addition of fire plugs at strategic points.

Removal and rehabilitation of another faculty home.

Construction of three tennis courts.

Owing to unpaid pledges to the campaign, work which had begun on the new Library building was discontinued by the Trustees at its November meeting. At the February meeting of the Board, the President was authorized to resume the work. The Library when completed, will have capacity for 75,000 volumes. It is being built so that during the years when the holdings are much smaller, the space will serve as class rooms. This building will cost approximately $225,000.00 and can be finished only if the pledges to the campaign are paid promptly. It will be the focal building of the campus. The capitals on the six columns were on the columns of the old Cochrane mansion which formerly stood on the campus. They were imported from Italy over a century ago.

IV. Increased Endowment

In 1948, the endowment was $100,000.00; $30,000.00 of which was in the college farm adjacent to the campus.

The endowment on March 2, 1955, was $403,520.10 inclusive of $16,471.42 of the funds on hand to be invested in endowment. The 1955 figure does not include the college farm as in the 1948 figures.

We expect $117,758.56 more for endowment from the campaign pledges, including the $100,000.00 challenge fund designated for that purpose.

Another addition to endowment will be a bequest of property valued by the executor of the estate at $50,000.00 to which the college will be given title in October.

Adding to the present sum of $406,353.43 the reasonable expectations from the campaign, and the bequest, it appears that, by the end of 1955, Stillman will have an endowment of $547,111.99. The need for an endowment several times this amount cannot be overstressed. The very nature of this college, with the low income bracket of the group from which its students come, prohibits the charging of normal student fees. Therefore, the endowment needs to be greatly increased in order to furnish sufficient income for annual operating expenses.

V. Accreditation

In 1953 the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools placed Stillman upon its list of approved four-year colleges. This would not have been done if it had not been for the success of the campaign which promised certain necessary buildings, chief among which is the new Library building. The trustees feel that the college is thus honor-bound to provide these facilities by the beginning, or certainly during, the next college year. The above fund and also the $100,000.00 challenge fund conditional upon the Church actually contributing $900,000.00 to Stillman by January 1, 1956, make the prompt payment of all pledges to the campaign more imperative.

VI. Loss of a Great Leader

The severest loss the college has sustained in decades was in the death of Reverend A. R. Batchelor which occurred on January 8th of this year.

His wisdom, faith, foresight and the inspiration of his leadership as Secretary of the Division of Negro Work, and as Trustee of the college, was doubtless the greatest contributing factor to the recent progress of this institution. At the recent meeting of the Board, resolutions were adopted concerning his service to the college, and the Board pledged itself and the Church that he should be memorialized at Stillman by the naming

of one of the most important buildings for him. The final decision of this will be made by the Board at its October 1955 meeting.

VII. Loss of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the New Chairman

The college has sustained another loss in the removal of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Honorable John E. Bryan, from this country. Dr. Bryan, son of the late "Brother Bryan" has gone as an appointee of the Inter-National Association for the Prevention of Blindness to lead the work for the rehabilitation of the Korean blind. Since 1947 he has been one of the school's most devoted and valuable trustees, having served as Chairman of the Finance Committee. We are most fortunate in having as his successor to this important office, Mr. Cecil Woods of Chattanooga. Mr. Woods is a man of unusual financial experience, being Chairman of the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company. Mr. Woods is also Chairman of the Investment Committee.

VIII. Trustees

The last Assembly appointed two new members to the Board, President Peyton N. Rhodes of Southwestern College at Memphis, and Mrs. Albert King of Bristol, Tennessee.

We would call the attention of the Church to the personnel of the Board composed of outstanding leaders in the field of business, education and the Church.

Mr. R. L. Peters, Chairman of the Board
Dr. Simril F. Bryant, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Lawrence I. Stell, Secretary

(Whose Terms Expire in 1955)

Rev. L. W. Bottoms	Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. J. E. Bryan	Talladega, Alabama
Rev. S. F. Bryant, D.D.	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Mr. Marion L. Crist	Little Rock, Arkansas
Rev. W. J. Gipson	Jackson, Mississippi
Dr. L. Tennant Lee, Jr.	University, Alabama
Mr. E. C. McGehee	Montgomery, Alabama

(Whose Terms Expire in 1956)

Rev. Harry Fifield, D.D.	Atlanta, Georgia
Hon. E. D. Grant	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Rev. William F. Mansell, D.D.	Vicksburg, Mississippi
Mr. R. L. Peters	Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Edward V. Ramage, D.D.	Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Lawrence I. Stell, D.D.	Charlotte, North Carolina
Rev. F. H. M. Williams	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Mr. Cecil Woods	Chattanooga, Tennessee

(Whose Terms Expire in 1957)

Mr. W. L. Dansby	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Mr. R. A. Farnsworth	Houston, Texas
Mr. Kenneth Forbes	Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Felix B. Gear, Ph.D.	Decatur, Georgia
Dr. Carl M. Hill	A & I State University, Nashville, Tennessee
Mrs. Albert King	Bristol, Tennessee
Mrs. W. P. Jacobs, Jr.	Clinton, South Carolina
President Peyton N. Rhodes	Memphis, Tennessee

It is to these that the Assembly has committed the conduct of the affairs of this institution.

IX. Finances

We regret to have to report again that the college has not received sufficient funds to meet its operating expenses, and again must report a deficit for the year.

We believe that the college has been operated on a minimum of expense, and see no hope of balancing the budget except by:

1) Increased income through Appropriation by General Assembly.
2) Special Gifts and Scholarships by Individuals and Groups.
3) Increased endowment with consequent increase of income from endowment.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. PETERS, *Chairman*
LAWRENCE I. STELL, *Secretary*

Condensed Statement of Income and Expense
Church Year Ending December 31, 1954

Income		
Student Fees		$ 39,385.15
Appropriations (Regular) through General Fund	$69,225.25	
Equalization Fund Received	8,501.04	
Equalization Fund Paid	3,965.78	
Net Equalization Fund	$ 4,535.26	
Total Appropriations		73,760.51
Scholarships and Special Gifts		10,090.35
Other Income		7,239.01
Income From Endowment		23,869.79
Transfer from Campaign Fund (To reimburse Current Operating Fund for Capital Expenditures)		15,000.00
Total Income		$169,344.81
Expenses		
General and Educational		$161,716.22
Academic Scholarship Granted		5,567.89
Other Expense		1,296.96
Interest		3,104.40
Capital Expense		9,627.01
Total Expenses		$181,312.48
Total Income		169,344.81
Excess of Expenditures over Income		$ 11,967.67

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1954
Condensed from Statement Audited by Jamison & Money Company Tuscaloosa, Alabama

ASSETS

I. Current Fund		
Cash on Hand	$ 269.43	
Accounts Receivable (Net)	2,839.31	
Inventories	17,270.68	
Prepaid Insurance on Property	4,071.00	
Prepaid Group Life Insurance	603.10	
Total Assets—Current Fund		$ 25,053.52
II. Loan Fund		
Cash	$ 951.80	
Loans Receivable	413.20	
Total Assets—Loan		1,365.00
III. Endowment Fund		
Securities	$213,652.72	
Real Estate—Farms and Rental Houses	153,905.83	
Total Assets—Endowment Fund		$ 367.558.55
IV. Campaign Fund		
Cash	$133,873.42	
Construction in Progress	98,935.55	
Demolition and Extraordinary Repairs	10,867.18	
Other Capital Expenditures	22,273.25	
Total Assets—Campaign Fund		$ 265,949.40

V. Plant Fund		
Campus Land, Buildings and Equipment	$639,343.95	
Tuscaloosa Farm—Land, Buildings and Equipment	89,358.74	
Total Assets—Plant Fund		$ 728,702.69
VI. Agency Fund		
Cash		$ 56.69
Total Assets—All Funds		$1,388,685.85

Statement of Negro Work Campaign Funds to Stillman College Through Nineteenth Proration, March 2, 1955

Receipts		
Through 19th Proration of March 2, 1955		$678,462.69
Disposition		
*One half of Campaign Operational Costs (Through February 28, 1954)	$ 69,863.62	
**Deficit June 30th 1953	37,431.02	
Building Costs	256,136.33	
Payment of Mortgage (To Complete Birthright Building)	37,500.00	
Other Capital Additions (Library Books, Laboratory Equipment, Utility Systems, Furniture, New Dormitories, etc.)	56,850.53	
Invested for Endowment	164,600.47	
Cash Balance in Endowment Fund (To be Invested)	16,471.42	
Cash Balance in Building Fund	39,609.30	
Total to Be Accounted for		$678,462.69

*Did not enter Stillman books as a receipt for expense, but is shown in both in this statement. It was paid by the Campaign Office.

**Used to liquidate deficit of three years accumulation. This was an original objective of the Campaign, approved by the Board of Trustees and by the Campaign Committee.

4. REPORT OF THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

The Trustees of Stock of the Mountain Retreat Association and the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association present to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the report of its work for the year ending December 31, 1954. The minutes of the Trustees of Stock of the Mountain Retreat Association, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Association with the auditor's report of December 31, 1954, are also submitted.

The Trustees of Montreat College and Preparatory School submit their minutes, the Auditor's financial statement for the year.

GRATITUDE

The Trustees and Board of Directors of Mountain Retreat Association would first of all record their profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church:

For the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the work;

For the ever-increasing number of our people who are praying fervently that Montreat may accept every opportunity and fulfill its mission of enlarged spiritual service to our Church;

For the generous support which comes through the benevolence budget of the Church;

For the increased gifts which have come from large numbers of individuals from every synod and presbytery of the General Assembly;

For all of those church organizations and individuals who by their gifts have made it possible for Montreat College to provide the opportunities for a thoroughly Christian and sound academic education to larger numbers of worthy girls.

MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Stockholders and Trustees of the Declaration of Trust of the Mountain Retreat Association was held in the Sun Parlor of Assembly Inn in Montreat on Wednesday, August 4, 1954. The Rev. C. Grier Davis was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Philip F. Howerton was re-elected Secretary. The following members were present:

Rev. H. B. Dendy
Rev. H. T. Kidd
Rev. C. R. Gleason
Mr. Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
Mr. W. E. Pleasant
Rev. John R. Cunningham
Rev. G. A. Nickles
Rev. L. A. Van Patten
Mr. George R. Norris
Rev. John J. Hayes
Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Rev. J. C. Frist
Rev. C. G. McClure
Rev. C. H. Patterson
Rev. D. B. Bailey
Rev. Martin Singleton
Mr. George H. Wright
Mr. Philip F. Howerton
Mr. F. L. Jackson
Mr. Sidney Bruce
Rev. Robert F. Jones
Rev. W. L. McLeod
Rev. Raleigh Engle
Rev. Paul Edris
Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy
Rev. Van M. Arnold
Rev. C. Grier Davis
Rev. John McSween
Rev. John Richards
Mr. John Matthews
Dr. L. Nelson Bell

The nominees of the synods of the General Assembly were elected Trustees of the Declaration of Trust and are as follows:

Rev. Frank A. Mathes
Rev. Hugh Hamilton
Rev. John A. Wilson
Mr. Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
Rev. F. W. A. Bosch (Deceased)
Mr. Howard T. Tumilty
Rev. L. A. Van Patten
Mr. George R. Norris
Rev. H. B. Dendy
Rev. H. T. Kidd
Rev. C. R. Gleason
Mr. W. E. Pleasant
Rev. John R. Cunningham
Rev. G. A. Nickles
Mr. John L. Morrison
Rev. John J. Hayes

The following were welcomed as new members:

Rev. H. T. Kidd
Mr. Robert F. Cooper, Jr
Rev. C. R. Gleason
Rev. John J. Hayes

The following were elected to the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association for a term of one year:

Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Rev. C. Grier Davis
Mr. Philip F. Howerton
Mr. F. L. Jackson
Rev. Frank A. Mathes
Mr. George R. Norris
Rev. John R. Cunningham
Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy
Mr. Karl Hudson, Jr
Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Mr. John V. Matthews
Rev. John E. Richards

The following were elected members of the Program Committee: Rev. C. Grier Davis, *Chairman*, Rev. Paul M. Edris, Rev. Robert F. Jones and Rev. W. L. McLeod and each Board of the General Assembly which conducts conference in Montreat was requested to appoint a member to this committee.

Members of the Board of Trustees of Montreat College who were elected and have accepted are as follows:

Rev. James L. Fowle, Chairman
Rev. C. Grier Davis
Rev. J. Wayte Fulton
Mr. Joe L. Hunter
Rev. Charles E. S. Kraemer
Rev. William H. McCorkle
Rev. George H. Vick
Rev. Sam S. Wiley
Rev. R. McFerran Crowe
Rev. A. W. Dick
Mrs. W. F. Graham
Mrs. J. Fred Johnson
Rev. J. Cecil Lawrence
Rev. Fred Poag
Mrs. S. Clay Williams

The Rev. C. Grier Davis was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Secretary and Health Officer and Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President and Treasurer.

The Board appointed a Planning Committee as follows: Mr. George R. Norris, Rev. C. G. McClure, Rev. J. Chester Frist and Mr. Robert F. Cooper, Jr. to study carefully and plan for the further development and fullest use of Montreat properties.

CONFERENCES

Again, the Trustees and Directors of Mountain Retreat Association would express themselves in believing the largest opportunity for Montreat to serve the spiritual life of the Presbyterian Church and build the Kingdom, is through its Conference program. We consider the fullest development of this opportunity as the first obligation to serve the Church.

The Mountain Retreat Association spent approximately $26,000 on the summer program of 1954. We are grateful to the several Boards of the Church and the Director of each Conference for the splendid way in which they have planned for and conducted their Assembly Conferences at Montreat. They constantly express their appreciation of what Montreat means in the development and promotion of the total program of the Church. If we did not have Montreat for such purposes, we would find ourselves as other Churches without such Conference grounds, planning to build one.

The 1955 Summer Conferences are as follows:

Asheville Presbytery's Young People; June 6-11; Rev. Paul F. Warren, Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C.

Holston Presbytery Pioneers; June 13-18; Dr. Ferguson Wood, First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

Young Adults; June 20-24; Mr. Robert Herndon, Presbyterian Building, Richmond 9, Va.

Educational Association; June 21-27; Dr. Hunter Blakely, 8 N. 6th St., Richmond 9, Va.

Women's Advisory Council; June 23-28.

Women's Training School; June 29-July 6; Dr. Janie W. McGaughey, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Directors of Christian Education; July 7-12; Miss Neva Delgado, First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ga.

Superintendents' Conference; July 8-10; Rev. Morris Warren, 8 N. 6th St., Richmond 9, Va.

Children's Work Council (Delegated Council); July 7-11; Mr. Roy Hogrefe, 8 N. 6th St., Richmond 9, Va.

Leadership School; July 12-21; Dr. D. B. Walthall, 8 N. 6th St., Richmond 9, Va.

Music Conference; July 21-28; Mr. Allan Guy, Montreat, N. C.

World Missions; July 28-Aug. 3; Dr. D. J. Cumming, Box 330, Nashville, Tenn.

Church Extension; August 4-11; Dr. Charles Gibboney, 341-B Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

Young Peoples Council; August 15-22; Rev. John Spragens; 8 N. 6th St., Richmond 9, Va.

Stated Clerks' Association; August 11-12; Dr. Turney B. Roddey, 673 Hudson St., Memphis, Tenn.

Ministers' Wives Forum; August 16-18; Mrs. Clyde Foushee, N. Church & College Sts., Spartanburg, S. C.

Bible Conference; August 11-21; Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, Montreat, N. C.

Westminster Fellowship; August 22-26; Rev. Malcolm McIver, 8 N. 6th St., Richmond, Va.

Appalachia Men; August 26-28;; Mr. Edward G. Roberts, Pres., 138 Brevard Road, W. Asheville, N. C.

Christian Professors Conference; August 26-31; Dr. Hunter Blakely 8 N. 6th St., Richmond 9, Va.

Assembly Inn and other facilities in Montreat are being used more in the Fall and Winter and Spring months for varied educational conference groups such as Young Peoples Councils, Westminster Fellowships, Y.M.C.A., and Y.W.C.A. groups. This use of

Montreat is five times what it was seven years ago. We were particularly glad to have the Men's Council of the General Assembly meet with us the first week of January 1955.

Perhaps it would be well for us to remember that Montreat not only wants its facilities to be used for any of the conferences of the Church and that it does much more than just provide accommodations for guests, classrooms and auditoriums for such meetings. Montreat pays all expenses for the music leadership for the entire season, the Bible teacher of each conference, provides some Sunday preachers, and makes a cash contribution to each conference. Montreat also pays the entire expenses of the Bible Conference, which closes the season for General Assembly Conferences.

THE YOUNG PEOPLES PROGRAM

Again, we are happily announcing that Mr. Heath Whittle of the Davidson College faculty will be Director of the program for young people and children with Mrs. William H. McCorkle of Atlanta, Georgia as Associate Director in charge of Religious Activities. There will be associated with them approximately twenty-five young school teachers and college students, selected because of special fitness to lead children and young people in this program. Last summer, we had approximately 1,800 boys and girls and young people registered in this program. In 1947, there were about 500 or 600 registered in such a program. These figures indicate to you how we have outgrown the equipment we have here for taking care of these children and young people. Proper facilities to accept the wonderful opportunity these children and young people present to us is becoming one of the urgent needs of Montreat.

Those of you who come to Montreat will remember that an old garage had been turned into a gymnasium. It was not much of a gymnasium in that it was entirely too small, but it was all we had. It served a good purpose for many activities during the summer months. When insurance companies would only value it at $7,000, you know that it was not much of a gym. It will take a minimum of $100,000 to put up an adequate recreational gymnasium, which would be used for the summer activities and also for the College here.

CAMP MONTREAT FOR GIRLS

Mrs. Dorothy Norman of Clemson College had one of the finest camping experiences last summer we have had. The last month found the Camp crowded. The indications at this time of year are that for 1955 all available space will be used. We like to say that we have a good camp plus the wonderful thing Montreat can give it. A major emphasis there is upon a religious program, which is a vital part of camp life which the campers enter into enthusiasttically. Mrs. Norman has a very select group of counselors and experienced leaders in camp life.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Montreat moves forward in a most encouraging fashion. The increased building of new homes calls for expansion of the water system and the power system and in some instances in the building of better streets. One important new development, Mississippi Road Extension, has been paved through the generosity of one friend. It is hoped that provision can be made for the resurfacing of Assembly Drive by the summer. The huge task of giving Montreat adequate electric power and changing over to 7,200 volt service will be completed within the year. This means an expenditure of approximately $100,000.

ACTIONS OF TRUSTEES AUGUST 4, 1954

The Trustees and Directors must consider seriously the pressing needs of Montreat because of its growth and service to the church; therefore, records:

1. That the Finance Committee and Campaign Committee make plans for securing funds for capital needs.

2. The growth of the young peoples' program involves literally hundreds more young people than in former years and demands that increased equipment be provided; therefore, that the basement of approximately half of the Collegiate Building be enclosed and arranged for use, and that a pavillion be constructed adjacent to the Collegiate Club Building.

3. The present building, which was formerly a bath house or boat house, now used to care for more than 80 Primary children without any toilet facilities and other necessary equipment, is totally inadequate and unworthy; therefore, resolved that the present small building be lengthened by 20 feet and that proper facilities be placed in it.

4. We must have a building sufficient for the childrens' work at Montreat to make possible an adequate program for the children and to give facilities for the laboratory training of children and young peoples' work as desired by the Board of Christian Education; therefore, resolved that the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors request the Board of Women's Work of the General Assembly to devote the gifts of their Birthday Offering of 1956 for the construction of such a building in Montreat, and that the Planning Committee be authorized to prepare plans for the proposed building and direct efforts to get this as the Birthday objective for 1956.

5. We recognize the real need for the erection of a building to properly house the boys who work in Montreat during the summer and recommend that efforts be made to secure funds for such a building.

6. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association express its confidence in the Board of Trustees of Montreat College and High School and give its approval of that which the Trustees are doing in the development of Montreat College and express its sincere gratitude to them for energy, faithfulness and great success with which they have discharged the responsibilities they have been asked to assume as Trustees of the College.

FINANCES

We would call the Church's special attention to the auditor's report and particularly to the balance sheet which shows the condition in 1947 and that of 1955. We are profoundly grateful to the Church and all of those who made it possible for our assets to increase more than half a million dollars during these years. This is particularly significant when we remember that the Church up until then had put very little into the development of Montreat, and that the Presbyterian Church, U.S. had conrol of Montreat only through the generosity of cottage owners and stock holders of another generation.

Now, we are profoundly grateful that our generation has accepted the opportunity at Montreat and is enlarging its capacity to serve the spiritual development of our Church in the building of the Kingdom of God. The heartening fact that our Church is twice as large as it was a generation ago and is growing faster now than it ever has, simply means that Montreat's opportunities, because of the increased thousands who will come within its gates, are tremendous. Who can measure what it will do for our Church, as thirty-five thousand people come through its gates each summer?

Let us remember too that besides the 1,800 children and young people who will be in the program during the summer, there will be approximately 4,000 young people who will annually come to Montreat for conferences. In every conference, there will be young people who will definitely decide to commit their lives wholly to Christ, to serve wherever He wants them to serve, and there will be other young people who will fully commit their lives to Christ to be ministers, missionaries and full-time workers for the Church. Surely this alone warrants the support of the Church to provide here that which is needed for their spiritual instruction and development.

MONTREAT PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

You will remember that Montreat College and Montreat Preparatory School for Girls is a part of the educational program of the Mountain Retreat Association. This makes full use of the wonderful properties at Montreat for the Church during twelve months of the year.

Some of the best and largest contractors in this State say that it would cost the General Assembly a minimum of $50,000 a year and probably nearer $75,000 a year to close up these buildings here for nine months. The plan of using them for the High School and College saves the General Assembly money and sends a stream of young life back into our Church dedicated for Christian service.

The Preparatory School for Girls has had a good year. We are deeply indebted to Miss Annie Webb, Principal, and the fine corps of teachers she has working with her.

The graduates of this school do remarkably well as they go on to many colleges for their advanced training.

Again, we would remind the Church that it is extremely difficult to maintain an enrollment in a girls preparatory school, so we earnestly ask that you remember there is such a school at Montreat.

The school is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, but we believe that our first responsibility is to help these girls grow into beautiful, effective Christians.

MONTREAT COLLEGE

We would ask that you turn back and review the members of the Board of Trustees of the College. These men and women called to this service by the Board of Trustees and Directors representing the Church have given themselves fully and unselfishly. They prayerfully, eagerly and enthusiastically direct the administration and faculty to make it what you want it to be. They are deeply grateful for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon it and for the cordial and generous support which comes from every presbytery in the General Assembly. Friends and the Church have given to it an average of a little more than $36,000 a year for the past seven year. This is all the more remarkable when we remember that in 1946 the total gifts to the College and High School amounted to $3,900.

Its present student body comes from 13 states and 5 foreign countries. We think of these girls as being superior. We are very proud of that which they do while here, afterwards as they continue their studies in other colleges and universities, as Bible teachers, as school teachers, as church secretaries and workers, in business offices, as nurses and most of all in their own Christian homes. The record of large numbers of our graduates who continue their studies is a source of genuine satisfaction to us. Last year, one of our graduates completing her work at Emory University for her Masters Degree in Biology, made one of the highest grades that has ever been made in a comprehensive examination. Another one receiving her Masters in Religious Education at Duke University did so well in the first semester that she was given a large fellowship in the second semester. Space will not allow us to tell of others who have done remarkably well.

Of this year's graduating class, ten will be accepting full-time church positions, one will marry a minister and two will marry ministerial students during the summer.

The student body increased again last year so that we have near the highest enrollment the College has ever had. Our enrollment of new students, that is those who have paid their admission fees and been accepted at this time of the year compared with that of other years, indicate we will have the largest Freshman Class next Fall in the history of Montreat College. This is in line with that which educators have been telling us for some few years now, that all of our colleges will have more students knocking at their doors than they can possibly take care of.

The faculty was strengthened by the coming of Dr. McDougal Monroe as Head of the English Department and Acting Dean. In the Fall, Miss Elizabeth Maxwell, teacher of French, will return from a year of work and study in France and Mr. Fred Brewer, after a leave of absence for study, will return with his Doctor's Degree to head the Department of Science.

ACCREDITATION

A Committee appointed by the College Conference of North Carolina has visited the College for a survey, and we have the assurance that they will recommend that Montreat College be accredited by the College Conference of North Carolina and the State of North Carolina. We believe this to be a real achievement and are deeply grateful for all of those who have made this possible; our faculty, our student bodies and the Church and our friends who have so generously supported us.

Major Policies:

1. A program which is Bible-centered, Christ-centered, church-centered helping superior girls to develop into winsome and effective Christians.

2. Sound academic standards majoring in preparing young women for service to their church and in Christian homes.

3. Low cost so that Presbyterians of average and below average economic resources can give their sons and daughters the opportunity for a Christian education.

We charge only $535 for room, board, tuition, health fee and activity fee, and despite this low cost 67% of our girls have to have scholarship help. They work at various tasks during the Winter months such as in the library, in offices, in the dining room, and remain during the summer to work during the conference period. Our Business Manager and the Manager of our hotels do not believe it will be possible for Montreat to serve the varied groups and the large numbers they do during the Fall, Winter and Spring without the College girls. Then, it would be very difficult to get the kind of help we need for the operation of Montreat in the Summer time to care for the thousands who come to conferences without these young women.

The Trustees and Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association, the Trustees of Montreat College, and the Management, would express their deep gratitude for the confidence of the Church in placing upon us the responsibilities of guiding and developing Montreat in all of its phases of service and would pledge anew their devotion and loyalty to the high and tremendous task committed to them. We need your prayers as few such groups in our Church do. "Brethren, pray for us."

Respectfully submitted,
J. RUPERT MCGREGOR, *President*

EXHIBIT "A"

Condensed Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954

CURRENT FUND

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and In Banks	$ 2,998.72
Receivables	26,220.40
Inventories	16,303.73
Prepaid Expenses	5,016.35
Land, Buildings, Equipment	1,521,764.27
Total Assets	$1,572,303.47

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 57,283.81
Taxes Payable	927.81
Deposits	4,081.53
Mortgages Payable	$ 302,000.00
Total Liabilities	$ 364,293.15
Capital	62,600.00
Surplus	1,145,410.32
Total Liabilities and Capital	$1,572,303.47

GATE AND CONFERENCE FUND

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 1,981.12
Equipment	9,948.06
Total Assets	$ 11,929.18

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	3.00
Fund Balance	11,926.18
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 11,929.18

DEVELOPMENT AND MORTGAGE REDEMPTION FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$ 3,589.49
Receivables	13,431.34
Total Assets	$ 17,020.83

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 6,219.82
Fund Balance	10,801.01
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 17,020.83

Condensed Income Statement—For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

EXHIBIT "B"

	Income	Expenses	Profit (Loss)
INCOME			
Income from Operations			
Light Plant	$ 29,346.01	$ 24,384.04	$ 4,961.97
Water Works	3,855.75	2,980.45	875.30
Municipal and Other Operations			
Taxes	8,489.03		
Other Customer Charges	26,735.16		
Less: Maintenance Wages		15,567.60	
Maintenance Expenses		3,640.73	
Other Expenses		32,553.22	(16,537.36)
Totals	$ 68,425.95	$ 79,126.04	($10,700.09)
Other Department			
Hotels	$181,963.01	$160,802.48	$21,160.53
Store	32,988.37	31,588.84	1,399.53
Drug Store	9,450.76	9,334.43	116.33
Gift Shop	13,579.44	11,710.18	1,869.26
Net Profit From Operations	$306,407.53	$292,561.97	$13,845.56
OTHER INCOME			
Commissions and Rentals	$ 7,306.44		
Donations	44,229.47		
Other	6,056.60		
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES			
Salaries		$ 28,594.28	
Maintenance Allowance		5,687.53	
Office Expense		1,909.91	
Upkeep of Cars		1,417.18	
Travel and Committee Expense		1,698.18	
Heat, Lights, and Water		1,566.30	
Telephone and Telegraph		872.59	
Insurance		6,900.29	
Other		7,495.50	
Total Other Income Less General Expense	$ 57,592.51	$ 56,141.76	1,450.75
Net Income for the Year			$15,296.31

Surplus Reconciliation—December 31, 1954

EXHIBIT "C"

Balance, January 1, 1954		$1,104,429.86
Credits		
Net Income for the Year	$15,296.31	
Funds Transferred from Gate and Conference Fund	2,825.23	
Funds Transferred from Mortgage Redemption Fund	30,000.00	
Advances for Paving Roads	2,340.00	50,461.54
Total		$1,154,891.40
Debits		
Funds Transferred to Development Fund	$ 135.93	
Funds Transferred to Historical Foundation	5,243.33	
Prior Year Accounts Receivable Adjustment	2,316.73	
Loss on Sale of Jeep	1,785.09	9,481.08
Balance, December 31, 1954		$1,145,410.32

Statement of Gate and Conference Fund Balance—December 31, 1954

EXHIBIT "D"

Balance, January 1, 1954		$13,194.67
Additions		
Gate Receipts	$16,319.75	
Auditorium Church Collections	7,995.08	
Other Receipts	3,114.88	27,429.71
Total		$40,624.38
Deductions		
Salaries and Wages	$ 5,543.72	
Supplies	621.27	
Musicians and Concert Artists	4,607.26	
Repairs	1,839.18	
Advertising and Bulletins	868.09	
Maintenance Allowance	3,069.51	
Other Expenses	5,373.94	
Appropriations	3,950.00	
Total	$25,872.97	
Funds Transferred to Current Fund	$ 2,825.23	$28,698.20
Balance, December 31, 1954		$11,926.18

Statement of Development and Mortgage Redemption Fund Balance—December 31, 1954

EXHIBIT "E"

DEVELOPMENT FUND			
Balance, January 1, 1954			($17,997.70)
Additions			
Donations	$23,719.72		
Other Receipts	58.02		
Total Additions		$23,777.74	
Deductions			
Salaries and Wages	$ 1,317.00		
Advertising, Promotion, and Supplies	3,423.29		
Travel	820.32		
Other Expenses	24.45	$ 5,585.06	
Net Additions			$18,192.68
Total			$ 194.98

Other Additions			
Transfers from Mortgage Redemption Fund		$13,900.00	
Transfers from Current Fund		135.93	
Total Additions		$14,035.93	
Other Deductions			
Net Additions Transferred to Current Fund		$18,192.68	($ 4,156.75)
Balance, December 31, 1954			($ 3,961.77)
MORTGAGE REDEMPTION FUND			
Balance, January 1, 1954		$32,860.28	
Additions			
General Fund Benevolences		38,990.65	
Total		$71,850.93	
Deductions			
Interest on Mortgage	$13,356.86		
Transfers to Current Fund	30,000.00		
Transfers to Development Fund	13,900.00	$57,256.86	
Balance, December 31, 1954			$14,594.07
CHILDRENS' BUILDING FUND			
Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 165.52	
Additions			
Interest Received		3.19	
Balance, December 31, 1954			$ 168.71
Total Fund Balance			$10,801.01

MONTREAT COLLEGE
Montreat, North Carolina
STATEMENT OF CAMP MONTREAT
1954

INCOME			
Campers		$31,815.00	
Other Income		3,599.23	
Total Income			$35,414.23
EXPENDITURES			$31,936.06
Income Before Director's Commission			3,478.17
Director's Commission			869.54
Income to Current Fund			$ 2,608.63

MONTREAT COLLEGE
AND
MONTREAT PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

	College Budget 1954-55	College Actual Sept.-Jan. '55	H. School Budget Sept.-Jan. 1955	H. School Actual Sept.-Jan.	Anticipated Income & Expense College Feb.-Aug.	Anticipated Income and Expense H. School Feb.-Aug.
Income						
Educational and General						
Student Fees	$ 31,500.00	$ 16,559.64	$ 14,400.00	$ 7,572.26	$ 15,000.00	$ 7,056.00
Gifts and Grants	48,000.00	22,577.98	150.00		29,000.00	
Income Endowment	15,500.00				16,000.00	
Total education and General	$ 95,000.00	$ 39,137.62	$ 14,550.00	$ 7,572.26	$ 60,000.00	$ 7,056.00

Miscellaneous	100.00	61.76	75.00	1.00	50.00	
Auxiliary Enterprises	84,125.00	51,989.03	30,801.30	17,110.87	45,000.00	13,617.06
Total Income	$179,225.00	$ 91,188.41	$ 45,426.30	$ 24,684.13	$105,050.00	$ 20,673.06
Expenses						
Educational and General	$ 56,415.00	$ 28,662.64	$ 14,750.00	$ 6,665.21	$ 27,500.00	$ 6,000.00
General and Administrative	26,050.00	13,770.02	2,807.90	1,837.79	12,000.00	1,500.00
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	19,600.00	10,564.08	5,800.00	2,739.39	11,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,702.50	1,447.26	245.00	499.10	1,300.00	400.00
Auxiliary Enterprises	83,032.00	49,139.90	24,344.00	15,281.93	44,000.00	12,000.00
	$187,799.50	$103,583.90	$ 47,946.90	$ 27,023.42	$ 95,800.00	$ 22,400.00

Balance Sheet

LIABILITIES

CURRENT FUND	1947	1954
Accounts Payable	$ 387.70	$ 3,708.28
Notes Payable		20,000.00
Accounts Payable, Association		26,505.60
Accrued Taxes Payable	76.81	548.51
Due to Student Loan Fund		428.00
Due to Plant Fund	1,074.09	1,996.88
Due to Endowment Fund		18,972.30
Current Fund Balance	21,395.76	(22,484.75)
Total Current Liabilities	$ 22,936.36	$ 49,674.82
LOAN FUND		
Loan Fund Balance	$ 2,097.97	$ 2,644.33
Total	$ 2,097.97	$ 2,644.33
PLANT FUND		
Crosby Adams Memorial		$ 2,048.88
Due to Current Fund	761.74	
Plant Fund Balance	72,903.56	227,742.68
Total	$ 73,665.30	$ 229,791.56
ENDOWMENT FUND		
Due to Current Fund	$ 46.10	
Due to Student Fund		$ 100.00
Endowment Fund Balance	242,122.59	278,127.83
Total	$242,168.69	$ 278,227.83
STUDENT BANK FUND		
Fund Balance		$ 2,900.50
Total		$ 2,900.50
CAMP MONTREAT FUND		
Accounts Payable		$ 869.54
Due to Current Fund		2,480.09
Total		$ 3,349.63
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	$340,868.32	$ 566,588.67

ASSETS

CURRENT FUND	1947	1954
Cash on Hand		$ 450.00
Cash in Bank	$ 5,261.14	4,797.52
Accounts Receivable, Students	898.16	5,581.53
Accounts Receivable, Others	2,808.65	23,590.63
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,755.79	
Notes Receivable	4,563.99	4,121.57

Inventories	5,130.00	2,111.92
Equipment	1,169.21	1,263.47
Prepaid Insurance		4,908.72
Returned Checks		69.37
Deferred Charges	541.58	300.00
Due from Plant Fund	761.74	
Due from Endowment Fund	46.10	
Due from Camp Montreat		2,480.09
Totals	$ 22,936.36	$ 49,674.82
LOAN FUND		
Cash in Bank	$ 2,097.97	161.88
Notes Receivable		1,954.45
Due from Current Fund		428.00
Due from Endowment		100.00
Totals	$ 2,097.97	$ 2,644.33
PLANT FUND		
Cash in Bank	$ 3,801.97	$ 2,289.26
Building Equipment	68,789.24	225,505.42
Due from Current Fund	1,074.09	1,996.88
Totals	$ 73,665.30	$ 229,791.56
ENDOWMENT FUND		
Cash in Bank	$ 12,476.00	$ 8,188.13
Investments	229,692.69	251,067.40
Due from Current Fund		18,972.30
Totals	$242,168.69	$ 278,227.83
STUDENT BANK FUND		
Cash on Hand		$ 414.55
Cash in Bank		2,485.95
Totals		$ 2,900.50
CAMP MONTREAT FUND		
Cash in Bank		$ 2,407.78
Accounts Receivable		109.00
Inventories		832.85
Totals		$ 3,349.63
Total Assets	$340,868.32	$ 566,588.67

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES

The Executive Committee of the Historical Foundation respectfully submits the following report for the year 1954.

The year was a memorable one for the Historical Foundation in that it marked the removal of its collections from Assembly Inn to the new building erected for its exclusive use on Assembly Drive in Montreat. This was the third move for the institution. Established in the Texarkana National Bank Building of Texarkana, Texas, in 1926, it came to Montreat in September of the following year. From that time until the recent past the Foundation occupied rooms on the ground floor of Assembly Inn. The entire Church, as well as the Foundation, is indebted to the Mountain Retreat Association for gratuitously housing its holdings for a period of some twenty-seven years.

Moving proved to be much more than simply transporting materials a distance of several hundred yards, for each book or other item was cleaned before being placed in its new surroundings. Under the direction of Professor Elizabeth Hoyt of Montreat College, who is a summer member of the Foundation staff, this work was begun in earnest on the first of August. With the assistance of a number of college students it went forward rapidly into early September. From that time on progress was slow because of the difficulty of obtaining workers able to devote any extended periods of time to the undertaking.

Due to the fact that much of the material required by research workers remained at the Inn until the late summer, it was necessary to conduct operations at two different places. This, however, was accomplished with a minimum of difficulty.

Among the year's researchers, three spent the entire or a greater portion of the summer in the Foundation: Professor C. G. Belissary of Vanderbilt University, Professor Margaret DesChamps of the Agnes Scott faculty, and Mrs. Brice Kennedy of Abbeville, South Carolina. Mrs. Kennedy, in fact, began work before the summer season opened in Montreat and remained for a considerable time after its close. Graduate students from as far away as Pittsburg, on the one hand, and Texas, on the other, made use of the facilities provided for research in the course of their investigations.

It is a pleasure to report that the new Foundation building is working out even more satisfactorily than had been anticipated. The skillful planning on the part of the architect, Alfred Morton Githens of New York City, has become more and more apparent, while the attractiveness of the new surroundings proves increasingly conducive to work on the part of the staff and visitors.

One of the greatest advances has been made in the care of manuscript records of church courts. These exceedingly valuable materials, which had been closely packed in safes and in a wall vault at Assembly Inn, are now arranged on shelves in a spacious vault which combines safety with accessibility in an unusually convenient manner.

The end of the year found the quarters devoted to the History of Churches and Woman's Work with scant space remaining for additions of future binders, the number shelved being in the neighborhood of 950. Arrangements are under way for the care of new volumes in the main floor stack area which should provide shelving for these binders for a number of years to come.

The building is substantially completed with the exception of lights for the Lobby and floor covering for the stairways. The elevator has not yet been installed and the same is true of equipment for the photographic division. The sum of $109,000 has been spent on the structure and new furnishings, with funds in hand to cover the cost of additional lighting fixtures and the Plaque of Recognition. The Plaque, for which well above four hundred names have been designated, is expected to be in place by the summer of 1955.

Necessary additional expenditures will provide furnishings and cases for the Lobby and Museum, more steel stacks for the upper and lower level bookstacks, card catalogue cabinets, furniture for the research rooms, a number of greatly-needed steel files, an elevator, stair coverings, and photographic equipment. Considerable work remains to be done on the grounds as soon as weather permits. The total cost of these additions and operations will reach approximately $30,000, of which $19,400 is now in sight.

Among the year's acquisitions was a file of the excessively rare *American Presbyterian*, published in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1835 to 1839. Only one other library is credited with this periodical by the *Union List of Serials*.

Portraits of John Holt Rice (1818-1878), William Neill (1800-1881), and William Silliman have been acquired by gift. A portrait of Mrs. W. T. Fowler, General Historian of the Women of the Church and member of the Executive Committee of the Foundation from its beginning until 1953, was presented to the Foundation by the Women of the Synod of Kentucky. The formal presentation was made during the 1954 Training School of the Women of the Church.

Soon after the close of the year, Mrs. Samuel Mills Tenney, widow of the founder of this institution, died at San Benito, Texas. Mrs. Tenney herself served as Assistant Curator of the Foundation for a number of years before her retirement in 1942. With

the exception of her distinguished husband, she rendered the greatest service in establishing the work on a sound and lasting basis.

The Trustees of The Historical Foundation particularly desire to pay tribute to the excellent work done by the staff at Montreat, under the able direction of Dr. Thomas H. Spence, Jr. We recognize the fact that Dr. Spence is largely responsible for the raising of money to build our new building, and for the planning of this structure, which is, we believe, one of the finest, if not the finest, building anywhere, dedicated to the preservation of church records of great historical value. All members of our great Church are invited to visit The Historical Foundation when next in Montreat.

/s/ WILLIAM H. BARNHARDT, *Chairman*

Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ended December 31, 1954

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS			
A. R. P. Church		$ 100.00	
Benevolences		6.85	
Copy Sales		3.15	
Dividends		21.00	
Interest Received		93.69	
Sale of Photographs		19.90	
Sustaining Memberships		2,109.16	
The General Assembly	$ 7,510.58		
Less: Equalization Refund	773.15	6,737.43	
U. S. General Fund		12,550.03	
Total Receipts			$21,641.21
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries and Pensions:			
Dr. T. H. Spence, Jr., Director	$ 6,000.00		
Mrs. S. M. Tenney, Pension and Gift	560.00		
Mrs. R. T. Coit	2,000.00		
Mrs. Margaret Matthews	1,908.29		
Miss Frankie Jo Dellinger	34.20		
Miss Elizabeth Hoyt	435.66		
Miss Vernie Pike	435.66		
	$11,373.81		
Less: Annuities and Taxes	1,347.04	$10,026.77	
Paid for Annuities and Taxes:			
Ministers Annuity Fund	$ 695.12		
Federal Payroll Taxes	1,341.50	2,036.62	
Building Operation:			
Cleaning and Supplies	$ 138.50		
Heat, Light, Water	1,001.20		
Insurance	74.87		
Repairs	152.11		
Telephone	249.67	1,616.35	
Foundation Disbursements:			
Purchases	$ 521.40		
Incidentals	250.00		

News	787.79		
Postage and Printing	435.88		
Supplies and Equipment	574.78	2,569.85	
CARRIED FORWARD		$16,249.59	$21,641.21
BROUGHT FORWARD		$16,249.59	$21,641.21
Other Disbursements:			
Travel Expense	$ 381.12		
Moving Expense	1,470.35		
Manse	900.00		
Express Charges	10.74		
Annual Audit	45.00		
Notary Fees	5.75		
Dishonored Check	1.00		
Group Insurance	144.99		
Photographs	177.50		
Committee Expense	78.00	3,214.45	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			19,464.04
GENERAL FUND BALANCE			$ 2,177.17

BINDER FUND

Sales	$ 1,951.35	
Less: Refund	7.00	$ 1,944.35
Purchases		1,340.37
BINDER FUND BALANCE		$ 603.98

BUILDING FUND

Balance December 31, 1953		$ 3,186.47
Receipts		
Contributions from Churches, Women of the Church and Individuals	$10,934.46	
Mountain Retreat Association	5,000.00	
Interest Received	243.33	
Loan at 1st National Bank & Trust Company	4,000.00	
		20,177.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$23,364.26
Disbursements		
Building Costs	$ 3,973.44	
Equipment and Furniture	9,078.54	
Paving	1,383.17	
Payment of Note	4,000.00	
Interest Paid	65.77	
Folders	79.95	
Refund	9.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		18,589.87
Balance December 31, 1954		$ 4,774.39

SPECIAL FUNDS

Photographic Equipment Fund	$ 1,371.47
William T. Fowler Fund	1,012.50
Charles Johnson Freeland, Sr. Fund	1,012.50
Pearl C. Jenkins Fund	1,214.25
Life Membership Fund	609.50
Robert P. Smith Fund	25.83
Blanding Fund	200.00
Patterson Fund	500.00

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

The Board of Directors of the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY in making its report to the General Assembly would voice its profound gratitude—

First, to God, in whose Name its members have labored with joy, seeking to give the Church an ever more informative and inspirational Christian magazine;

To the Church at large, for the opportunity they have had thus to serve in guiding the affairs of the Church's official magazine;

To the nearly 100 churches which have adopted the Every Family Plan, writing the magazine into their budgets on the basis of a subscription for every resident family;

To the hundreds of men and women in such organizations as the Women of the Church and the Men of the Church who have been especially active in promoting subscriptions in our churches; and

To those ministers and laymen alike who have written many of the outstanding articles and in numerous other ways contributed materially to the progress of the publication.

The Board of PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY would report, that in line with the directives from the 1954 General Assembly, the following steps have been taken during the past year:

(1) The Board has employed three full-time staff members and an office secretary, the minimum recommended by the Board of Directors to carry out the program of self-improvement for SURVEY in the fields of editorial content, format, promotion, circulation and advertising. With this staff on the job less than a year, great improvements already have been noted in the magazine as a whole.

These improvements and plans for the future SURVEY fall into four general areas of endeavor.

a. Effort has been made to improve the appearance of the magazine, to broaden the scope of its articles, and to revise the publication schedule in order to get the magazine to readers consistently before the first of each month.

b. Public relations activities and promotion in general have been stepped up by use of posters, fliers, displays and planned distribution of sample copies. Name tags containing promotional matter about SURVEY have been freely distributed to thousands of Presbyterians attending conferences for men and/or women.

c. Promotion of circulation has been pushed on at least three fronts: through letters urging sessions to adopt the Every Family Plan as recommended by the last General Assembly; through Every Member Canvass cards made available by the General Council, affording a space where members could indicate that they wanted to subscribe for the official church-wide magazine of our Church; and through contacts with individuals representing the Men of the Church and the Women of the Church who volunteered to promote subscriptions. These efforts are already indicating a steady increase in subscriptions, which now stand at more than 30,000.

d. SURVEY has encouraged its advertising agents in Philadelphia to increase advertising linage, and to adhere to the high standards of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., pertaining to the types of advertisements carried.

(2) The Board would further report, that the Staff of the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY is making a critical analysis of every phase of the magazine's makeup, editorial content and policies, to the end that the SURVEY may become increasingly informative and inspirational to its readers and render a greater service to the Church.

In furtherance of the goals set up for the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY by the General Assembly, the magazine's Board of Directors would respectfully recommend to the General Assembly:

1. That the importance be reiterated of appointing a session's committee for promoting the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY, as approved by the 1954 General Assembly (Item 5, page 144, Minutes of the 1954 General Assembly); that churches which have not set up this committee be urged to do so; and that the names of this committee be sent to the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY office as soon as practicable.

2. That the importance of placing the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY in every church home be reaffirmed and that this be achieved through one of the following plans:

   a. Every Home Plan, which includes the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY in the church budget.

   b. Use of pledge cards carrying a subscription order for the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY.

or, c. Through a promotional program under the session's committee.

3. That endorsement be given to "Survey Week—Official Presbyterian Magazine" as proposed by the General Council for the week of Nov. 4-10, 1956.

4. That synods and presbyteries be urged to give time for hearing a presentation of the official magazine, the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY, and that a representative of the magazine be invited to address these church courts.

5. That the following be elected as the class of 1958: Rev. J. K. Roberts, Mr. Willis Osborn and Mrs. Graham Lacy.

6. That Rev. Warner DuBose, Jr., and Mr. W. M. Sansing of Dallas, Texas, be elected to fill vacancies in the class of 1956.

7. That pending the adoption of the report of the Board of Directors, the General Assembly hear for 15 minutes a popular presentation on the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN K. ROBERTS, *Chairman*

III. REPORTS OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEW HYMNAL

We are pleased to report to the Assembly that the new hymnal will be published October 17, 1955. Orders for the new hymnal can be placed at any one of our Presbyterian Book Stores. The price for the clothbound edition will be $1.75 each when ordered singly; in quantities of five or more, $1.50 each.

Your committee desires to express its appreciation to the General Assembly for its patience and confidence, and presents this new hymnal to you in the hope and prayer that it will be used of God for great blessing to our Church. The 1950 General Assembly, in answer to an overture from Brazos Presbytery, appointed this committee: 1) to study the needs of our Church and its ministry in music; 2) to proceed with the compilation of a new hymnal, if possible, in cooperation with other Presbyterian bodies, for use of all Presbyterians in America; but if not, then for our own Church.

The new hymnal is the joint project of five denominations in our Presbyterian-Reformed tradition. In addition to our own Church, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the United Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church in America, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church have cooperated in the production of this new hymnal. It will contain approximately 600 hymns, psalms, choral responses and other selections,

with a special section of responsive readings. Careful attention has been given to the music of the hymns, that they may be more "singable" by the average church congregation. Dr. David Hugh Jones of Princeton Seminary, was the editor of the hymnbook.

The committee desires to express to the Assembly its appreciation for the privilege of having a part in this rewarding task. The committee suffered the loss of Dr. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., by death, and the services of Dr. Austin Lovelace by his removal from our Assembly, and the resignation of Dr. Edward Grant. All members of the committee have been most cooperative and have accepted detailed responsibilities for special work. They have been most efficient and faithful.

In this cooperative effort, each denomination represented, had an opportunity to solicit hymns for consideration. Additional material such as gospel hymns and new hymns came before the committee. As a result, approximately 535 hymns, and 50 chants, responses and canticles have been chosen. About 75 metrical psalms and 35 gospel hymns are included. The musical material will fill 460 pages. The additional material, namely, worship aids such as introits, calls to worship and prayers, scripture readings, and the various indexes will occupy the remaining 116 pages. The Revised Standard version is used except for some familiar passages, such as the Twenty-Third Psalm. The Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the two great commandments of Jesus, and the Apostles' and the Nicene Creeds will appear at the front of the book.

We humbly call to the attention of the Assembly that by this cooperative effort we have been able to produce this book at a price within the range of all our churches. We believe also that the combining of the thought of the five cooperating Churches has made possible a hymnbook which will be more acceptable to all of the people. To the glory of our Lord and for service in our great Church we present to you this work of your Ad Interim Committee.

Having discharged the duties originally committed to us by the General Assembly of 1950, we ask to be dismissed from further responsibilities by the General Assembly of 1955. The marketing of the book is the responsibility of our Executive Board of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. KISSLING, *Chairman*
HARMON B. RAMSEY
JAMES R. SYDNOR
STUART R. OGLESBY
WILLIAM H. FOSTER, JR.
CAMERON D. DEANS

2. REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(Chapter 8 in the Directory for Worship)

The committee appointed by the 1954 meeting of the General Assembly with the duty of recommending an amended chapter VIII regarding Christian Education in the Directory For Worship desires to report progress and to request that the Assembly extend the committee until the 1956 meeting of the General Assembly so that further conferences between the committee and the Board of Christian Education may be held.

JAMES A. MILLARD, JR., *Chairman*
HENRY WADE DUBOSE
WALKER B. HEALY

3. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIANITY AND HEALTH

The following overture from the Presbytery of Brazos was given to this committee:
"SINCE the study, teaching and practice of so-called 'faith-healing,' or 'divine healing,' are not only the practice of many of the non-established and tradi-

tional churches, but also increasingly are drawing attention among many of our constituency,

AND FURTHERMORE, since the theology and ethic of such healing may sometimes be questionable, if not contradictory and confusing,

BUT SINCE undoubtedly the Bible does give some definite basis for belief in the power of faith with reference to healing,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Brazos respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to make a thorough study of this matter and make a written report of its findings to the General Assembly, in order that the General Assembly, if it deems best, may give our people and especially our ruling and teaching elders specific guidance and direction in the handling of this matter."

The members of the General Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health approached our assignment with deep humility and earnest prayer, being keenly aware of the importance of the issues involved. No committee report can do justice to the divine mystery which is involved in the processes of healing. Those who give thought to such matters find themselves involved in processes which are not comprehended by human reasoning, and in truths which sometimes seem paradoxical to us.

The committee was composed of two medical doctors, one of whom practices in the field of general medicine, the other in the field of psychiatry; two faculty members from theological seminaries; three pastors of churches; and one representative of the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers. We studied individually and we had two meetings of the entire committee.

It would seem to us to be true that more people in general and more people in our own Church are now concerned about the relationship of our Christian Faith to our health, spiritual, mental and physical, than at any time in recent years. Lectures and sermons have been given, conferences and camps have been conducted, best selling books and articles have been written in numbers far exceeding anything that has been done in this field in the modern history of the Church. There has been a reawakening of the Church's attention to this phase of its ministry which occupied such a prominent place in New Testament times but which had, to say the least, been partially neglected in modern times. The very number and variety of the voices that have been raised and of the things that have been written and spoken has tended to create questions in the thinking of many people.

People are being healed through unknown factors. Prayer and medical science have worked together in healing. There are cases where medical science has given up and healings have occurred. Much prayer has been made in cases where healing has not occurred. People have prayed and died when medical curative help was not used. People have depended on scientific help alone to the neglect of prayer. Any individual or movement who makes any promise of "divine healing" seems to command an immediate following in our day. This is true to such an extent that many rush to claim the promises of healing without ever questioning the relationship between the kind of faith that is being advocated and the true Christian faith of the New Testament. Unquestionably instances of apparently miraculous healing can be cited as the results of many kinds of faith or of no faith at all. This unquestioning rush for help from any and every kind of source we take to be an indication that we in the Church should re-examine our ministry with a view to determining wherein we may have neglected not merely to meet the needs of people, but also to do what we are commissioned to do. The observation has been made, and we think with considerable wisdom, that the need here being made manifest is deeper than a desire for physical healing and material well-being only. In an age when many had come to think of God as far away and coldly impersonal and perhaps unconcerned with the affairs of men, the promises of "divine healing" are being grasped as offering evidence by which we will be convinced again of a living God.

Your committee has not interpreted its assignment to involve suggesting an authoritative statement for the General Assembly to adopt and "send down" to our people. We have hoped that together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we might be able to suggest some considerations which would help us to see this phase of the Church's ministry in relation to the whole work of the Church. We have sought to look at this ministry in relation to a faith which involves implicit trust in the sovereignty of the will of God in all things. We have sought to see it in relation to a faith which does not

deny the reality of suffering, or of death as facts of human experience. Although we believe in health, mental, spiritual and physical, as a gift of God and seek to preserve it and restore it through care, hygiene, diet, carefulness against accidents, medical treatment and prayer, this does not mean to say that we deny the natural processes of aging and death, or that we believe that the coming of sickness and death defeat God's will for us. Our redemption is incomplete in this life. Yet although our redemption is never perfected in this world, we accept the gifts God gives us now as a pledge of that which is to be.

It is, therefore, the concern of your committee that this report should call our Church, pastors and people, to a reexamination of our ministry in the light of all the promises of Scripture.

A study of Christianity and health in the light of the Scriptures reveals that the Scriptures give no simple answer to many of the problems that are raised. The Scriptures teach, for example, that suffering is demonic, and the Scriptures also teach that suffering is redemptive. The Scriptures teach that man is utterly dependent upon God and yet is a responsible moral agent. The Scriptures teach that death is an enemy to be destroyed and that death constitutes the completion of life and may be life's greatest fulfillment and affirmation.

But some things are quite clear. The Bible reveals that God is concerned with the whole nature of man. Our Lord Jesus Christ considered healing a part of His mission no less than preaching and teaching. He himself healed many persons. There is no rebuke of any person for seeking healing. When John the Baptist sent to Jesus with questions of doubt, his messengers were invited to tell John not only that the poor had the gospel preached to them, but also that spiritually, mentally and physically sick persons were being healed. Jesus instructed the disciples to heal as they went about proclaiming the Kingdom. This they did. This continued to be the practice of the Church of the New Testament after the Ascension. The New Testament has much to say about healing. These passages are to be interpreted according to the same canons of interpretation applied to the Bible as a whole. Nowhere in the New Testament is there an indication that the practice was intended to be temporary in the life of the Church.

The Church has continued its concern in this matter. As the New Testament calls upon Christians to use prayer and anointing with oil (which is taken to represent the medical treatment of that day) so the Church has been concerned to continue its ministry of healing. The development of hospitals and medical missions has had a large place in church history. Many of those who dedicate their lives to medicine and nursing receive their inspiration from the Church. We see that medical science and spiritual forces have worked in parallel lines and with equally Christian motivation. Although more publicity has been given to the place of prayer in healing in recent times, we are not to forget that the Church has never ceased to pray for the sick. The Church has always taught that all healing is from God.

That the desire for healing has led to some interpretations of faith which find no support in the Scriptures cannot be denied. All such misinterpretations seem to be the result of following one aspect of scriptural teaching to the neglect of others. The desire to use "faith" to manipulate God and to bring Him to do our will, the refusal to pray "thy will be done" cannot be reconciled with the New Testament teaching on faith and man's relationship to God. Again we would call attention to the fact that the use of faith as a means to guarantee one's own personal "peace of mind" may, for example, be stressed to the neglect of the fact that men do claim to attain peace of mind by faith which is entirely un-Christian, as in the Nirvana of atheistic Buddhism. Such an interpretation also may be stressed to the neglect of the fact that a man's relationship to God in Jesus Christ instead of guaranteeing relaxation and peacefulness may and sometimes does lead him to be disturbed and concerned about his own sinfulness and about the needs of the world in which he lives. Again, when success in business and worldly affairs is promised as a reward of faith in Christ, there is a tendency to forget that sometimes men have been exceedingly successful, from a worldly standpoint, precisely because they have neglected to take Christ into their business dealings, while others have been faced with the need to sacrifice some personal and worldly advantage for the sake of Christ.

Your committee believes that attention should be called to the fact that the teaching of some of the modern healing movements that pain and disease are due to sin needs to be reexamined in the light of the teachings of Scripture and of actual experience.

Specific sickness and/or injury may or may not be the result of the specific behaviour of the individual involved. It is true that if we are selfish and full of resentments and false pride, if we drive ourselves too hard and in a self-destructive way, if we are envious, jealous and filled with hatred, and if we give ourselves to excesses, all these things bring with them their own results. Even the sin of running away from life can aggravate fear which eventually turns into hatred and illness. Certainly human beings suffer also as the result of social sins over which they sometimes have no control. But to say that each individual's suffering is in every instance the result of his own sin is to deny the scriptural teaching of the book of Job, or the words of our Lord spoken concerning the man born blind when He said, "It was not that this man sinned or his parents . . . " John 9:3.

Again we need to keep in mind that the faith of the New Testament Church would not lift the faith that results in healing and place it over and above all the other ministries of the Church. In the first epistle to the Corinthians the apostle Paul lists the ministries of the Church: "First apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues." 12:28. Lest we be tempted to lift one kind of ministry and give it a place of supreme importance to the neglect of others, let us remember this listing. Instead of suggesting, as the modern movements sometimes seem to, that here in the gift of healing we are in touch with the "real" power of Christ, Paul lists it with the others and brackets it, as has been pointed out, with helpers and administrators, as though to say that the work of a full-time secretary of a permanent committee, though perhaps less spectacular, is no less the Lord's work than is the ministry of healing.

One good result of this reawakened interest in the relationship of prayer and health has been the formation of prayer groups in many places. Let our pastors and people, however, be aware of the temptation which comes to some people in such groups to think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, thus introducing divisive elements within the church fellowship. Let us also be aware of the temptation to retreat into prayer-groups as a refuge. With so much controversy and disturbance over questions concerning segregation, church union, politics, the social implications of the gospel, etc.; and in light of the fact that so much of the work which is necessary for the on-going of the Church both in the local congregation and in the Church's larger responsibilities is unspectacular everyday routine, some may succumb to the temptation to retire into quiet, contemplative groups and stay there. This is an unworthy use of prayer. Prayer should bear fruit in strength and courage to come forth "where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan." The healing taught in the New Testament is concerned with the whole man and in all his relationships.

We would further call attention to a popular conception which we believe to be in error which would limit the healing which comes from God to those instances where healing is sudden, spectacular and mysterious. We believe that it places a false limitation upon the power of God to say that if healing is mediated through the ministry of a physician or surgeon or psychiatrist, it is therefore less from God than healing which comes through less visible means. The vast majority of Christians today recognize in the advances of scientific medicine the open hand of a gracious God, and accept as from Him the ministrations of doctors and nurses. We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has, through devoted study, research and practice of doctors and nurses, worked for the healing of His people. These methods of healing which God has given us are not different or in opposition to what is commonly called "spiritual healing," but they should work parallel and hand in hand. By way of illustration: The American Cancer Society reports that approximately 75,000 persons who received scientific medical treatment were cured of cancer in 1954. Two times that many could have been cured, it is estimated, if they had received medical attention in the earlier stages of the cancer's development. Who would say that this is not a gift of God?

One of the results of the discoveries of Science in our age is the sense of security which so many people find in the belief that we live in a reasonable order, that our lives are not at the mercy of caprice or of haphazard and totally unpredictable forces. Because this is true, and important, many are troubled at the thought of bringing prayer into the processes of healing. This seems to move healing out of the realm of causes and effects which can be examined and put to use, and to place it in the realms of personal whim. So that if a person happens to know about prayer, or happens to have someone who is interested enough to pray for him, he will receive the healing

benefits of prayer; but if he happens not to know about prayer or happens not to have any praying friends, then those benefits are denied him. This seems to leave health at the mercy of chance or whim. But is this any more true in the use of prayer than in the use of penicillin? If a person happens to know about penicillin or to know someone who knows about it, he can be treated by it and if he does not know about it, he cannot be treated by it. The promises of the Scriptures, the evidences of experience seem to show, and it is not unreasonable to believe, that prayer may be just as much one of the conditions through which God sends His healing as is penicillin or the surgical removal of a diseased organ. As the New Testament admonished the use of prayer and the anointing with oil which, as pointed out above, was a commonly used physical treatment of that day, so we believe we should use prayer and medical treatment, not as opposed to each other but working together. And this is not to say as some seem falsely to have concluded, that when healing does not come after prayer, such failure is necessarily the result of lack of faith or of the ineffectiveness of prayer. If this were true, it would then follow that every healthy-bodied individual is of necessity more faithful than, say, the apostle Paul who again and again prayed that he might be delivered from the thorn in his flesh but who learned instead, by the grace of God, the lesson of power that grows out of weakness. "For the sake of Christ then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong." II Cor. 12:10. Even suffering and death do not defeat the will of God for His children. For suffering may become a redemptive element by which life is affirmed, God is glorified, and death is swallowed up in victory.

Finally, let us in the Church be reminded that as the apostle listed the gifts of those who serve in the Church: apostles, prophets, teachers, healers and the others, he also went beyond that to say: "Yet I show you a more excellent way." And that was the introduction to his great statement on Christian love. As Sir George MacLeod of Iona Community has observed, "More important than any of these ministries, taken by themselves, is the ministry of love. 'A more excellent path' than any one of them is the costly pactice of the Christian Fellowship, the ongoing work of the Christian congregation in suffering long and being kind, in envying not, in thinking no evil, in rejoicing in the truth. It is this love that never fails, this corporate ministry that is the real healing power; superior to preaching, prophecy, miracles and healers."[1] And this "more excellent way" is not a special and separated ministry but should pervade all that the Church does in its preaching, its teaching and its serving.

[1]. The Oracle. October, 1954. page 15.

The thinking together of your committee on this subject brought us to face a fact which we had before expected would be true, viz: that there is more involved here than should be concluded by the work of one year. We, therefore, present this introductory statement in the sincere conviction that the importance of this question indicates that continued consideration be given to some means for keeping our Church aware of this phase of our ministry.

We, therefore, recommend to the General Assembly:

1. That this report be made available to the churches.
2. That this committee be continued for one year with authority to call additional personnel for conference concerning future plans to keep this phase of our ministry before the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

The ad interim committee on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage has been making earnest study of the many overtures submitted to it by the General Assembly of 1954, and of the difficult problems growing out of them.

The committee found the subject so broad and the problems relating to it so intricate and involved, that it became evident that we could reach no final conclusions to report to the General Assembly of 1955.

In the hope of making a more thorough study of the questions submitted to us, and with the aim of reaching a more solid biblical and theological foundation for our conclusions, we have co-opted the members of the biblical and theological faculties of our four seminaries, asking them to give us the benefit of their study in trying to arrive at some worthy solution to the problems the Church faces in the realm of marriage, divorce and remarriage. We are also keeping in touch with the Council on Christian Relations, seeking from them any help they may be able to give in this matter.

The committee, therefore, at this time can only report progress, and request to be continued during the coming year, with the full intention of bringing a final report to the General Assembly of 1956.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ DONALD G. MILLER, *Chairman*

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5. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MONTREAT COLLEGE

(NOTE: The General Assembly did not adopt this report but ordered that it and the paper that follows be printed as information. Stated Clerk.)

I. Introduction.

In the current Blue Book of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, a brief progress report was made of the present ad interim committee on Montreat College. In this report it was stated that it was hoped that a full report could be available at this meeting of the General Assembly. The committee was able to have an additional meeting, and at this meeting unanimously adopted the recommendations contained in this report. Therefore, this report constitutes a final report of the ad interim committee on Montreat College which was authorized at the 1954 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

The committee has consisted of the following people: Donald C. Agnew, George B. Hoyt, Eldon D. Wilson, James L. Price, Jr., W. T. Martin, Jr., Cecil Thompson, and G. W. Gignilliat. It is believed that this has been an impartial committee which has examined the situation of Montreat College from a professional point of view and which has sincerely attempted to treat the questions involved without prejudice. The committee recognized from the outset the complexity of the situation resulting from the joint ownership of the college and the Association of certain properties at Montreat. A complexity was also felt in connection with the joint administration of the college and the Montreat Association. The meetings of the committee have been characterized by a sense of dedication to duty and a dependence upon divine guidance.

The ad interim committee on Montreat College has had four full meetings: August 10, 1954, at the office of the General Assembly in Atlanta; October 8 and 9, 1954, at Montreat College; March 18, 1955, at Columbia Seminary in Decatur; and a final meeting on April 30, 1955, at Columbia Seminary. A number of subcommittee meetings have been held in Atlanta and elsewhere. Dr. Rupert McGregor attended one meeting of such a subcommittee in Atlanta. Two consultants were employed by the committee—Mr. Emmett McDowell, C.P.A., of Atlanta, to help in the analysis of the financial situation, and Dr. James Kinard, Newberry, South Carolina, former president of Newberry College, to aid in the analysis of the academic situation.

The committee had available for its consideration the previous reports of the ad interim committees furnished by the officers of the General Assembly, consultants' reports, a complete report of the present student body at Montreat College which was made by the personnel at the college, audits of the Montreat Association and of Montreat College, a study of the college in connection with the Southern Association

standards by James M. Godard, publications of the college and other statistical information from General Assembly reports.

The committee is grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation manifested by President McGregor and other administrative officers, staff, and members of the faculty and student body at Montreat College. All pertinent records were made available to the committee and the time and effort spent by the various people at the college have been very helpful to the committee.

No attempt is made here to give a complete history of the college, but a few statements are probably in order to clarify the historical situation. When the first proposal for the creation of Montreat Normal School was introduced in 1914 an ad interim committee was appointed to determine the relationship of such a school to the General Assembly. This committee stated the position of the General Assembly with respect to the educational institutions; namely that the support of educational institutions should be at the level of synods and presbyteries rather than at the level of the General Assembly. It therefore rejected the idea that Montreat College should be supported and controlled by the Assembly. This committee did approve the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers on the grounds that it served the whole Assembly, and that it was to be a specialized school for the training of lay workers and would not be in competition with colleges or seminaries operated by synods and presbyteries. Later an attempt was made to obtain synod support for Montreat Colege, but this attempt failed to establish a clear relationship between the synods and the college. A charter was obtained from the State of North Carolina which gave the trustees full control of the institution without reference to either the synods or the Assembly. In 1931 the board of trustees voted to have the directors of the Montreat Association elect all trustees for the school and to discontinue the tenuous synod connection existing. It appears that the Assembly was not consulted about this change, but did, by adopting the report, recognize that this change was an accomplished fact. In 1933 the board dropped the name "Normal School" and made the college Montreat Junior College. The board operated without consulting the Assembly and therefore it is assumed that they regarded themselves as an autonomous body capable of making such decisions. An attempt was made in 1937 to make the board of trustees of Montreat College an independent board. An ad interim committee was appointed to study the situation and it became clear through the study of this committee that the control of Montreat College was in fact effectively centered in the trustees under the North Carolina charter. It was then held that the only thing the Assembly could do would be to request action by the board, which might or might not be granted. It is perhaps worth noting that this committee felt that a junior college might serve a valuable function. As a result of these deliberations the board was asked to restore to the directors of the Montreat Association the power to name the trustees of the college. In 1945 it was announced that the college had become a four-year institution and would grant degrees. Again the Assembly was not consulted about the change. It was an accomplished fact when it came to the attention of the Assembly.

Reports of recent ad interim committees appear in the Blue Books for 1941, 1948, 1952 and 1953. The 1954 ad interim committee was unable to agree on a report and therefore no report was submitted. The present ad interim committee reviewed all these past actions and they in turn became the background for the decisions reached by the committee.

The history of these ad interim committees indicates the complexity of the situation regarding Montreat College, and it indicates that the General Assembly has consistently refused to accept the responsibility for the college, although in 1953 an emergency grant of $35,000 was given, and in 1954 the Assembly voted a fifty thousand dollar subsidy to the college for one year with the understanding that this was to set no precedent.

It is also clear that while the control of the college has been in the hands of the trustees there has been a tendency on the part of the college to request support of the college as an Assembly project. It is this basic confusion that the present ad interim committee resolved to study.

II. Problems Considered by the Ad Interim Committee.

From the first meeting of the ad interim committee three main problems appeared to be in need of solution before a general policy could be recommended. These ques-

tions were with regard (1) to the relationship of Montreat College to the Assembly, (2) the financial needs of the institution if it were to be continued, and (3) the question of the need for a college at Montreat. It is recognized that this committee can suggest to the General Assembly solutions to these problems and that in turn the General Assembly can advocate measures to implement the committee's recommendations. The final decision would have to rest with the board of trustees of the college. It is thought however, that the board of trustees would welcome constructive suggestions and recommendations.

Policy of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., toward Montreat College. It might be reiterated that the relationship of the Church to its educational institutions consists of a policy of synod and presbytery control and support except with those institutions that serve the entire Assembly in some unique fashion. The effort of Montreat College to get the support of synods and presbyteries has in general failed to achieve any significant results. This leaves Montreat College in the position of a rather independent school, but one which has attempted to lean upon the Assembly for support. The fact that the present board is elected by the Montreat Association which in turn is responsible to the Assembly suggests that a continuation of this arrangement would always cause difficulty and difference of opinion about the control and support.

Problems of Support of Montreat College. The committee examined professional opinion about the amount of the support needed for a high quality four year college fully accredited by the Southern Association. Such opinion indicates that an independent endowment of something like three million dollars, if the college received no regular support from any other sources, would be necessary to provide operational expenses. It is further estimated that approximately a million dollars capital outlay would be needed to develop a high quality institution at Montreat. The committee took into consideration the fact that in all probability the location of Montreat College on the Assembly grounds has been a benefit to the college. The extent of this benefit depends upon the assumptions that one might make in arriving at the proper computation. While this advantage is considerable it would have to be supplemented in accordance with the endowment requirements mentioned above in order to provide an adequate income. The committee was concerned about where Montreat College could obtain four million dollars for this development as an independent enterprise. The study of the concentration of Presbyterian colleges in North Carolina suggests that the need for an additional four year college in this area is not significant at this time. In accordance with the policy of the Church it would be impossible for the college to obtain these funds from Assembly sources, and because of the lack of interest on the part of synods and presbyteries, it is unlikely that they would assume this added burden at a time when other Presbyterian colleges are in need of capital funds and in need of endowment to strengthen their progress.

On the other hand, the cost of maintaining an accredited junior college would be considerably less, perhaps half as much as would be required for a four-year college. However, again the problem would arise of the competition between such a junior college and other junior and senior colleges in the region. It might be pointed out in this connection that there are at present three senior colleges and four junior colleges related to presbyteries and synods located in North Carolina. King College is not far away and Warren Wilson College supported by Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., is only a few miles from Montreat. Therefore, it seems improbable that the trustees of Montreat College could obtain from sources other than synods and presbyteries in the Assembly suitable amount of endowment and capital outlay to maintain an independent junior college.

Arguments for Continuing a College at Montreat. Arguments ordinarily advanced for the continuation of a college at Montreat may be summarized as follows: First, it seems appropriate that some sort of educational institution should occupy the buildings at Montreat. The committee made some statistical analyses of the effect of closing Montreat on the Assembly grounds and buildings. It is true that deterioration might take place in the buildings if they were unused during the large part of the year but this would probably be counteracted by other factors. Accordingly, it is concluded that in all probability the college could be closed and no additional expense would be required by the Assembly for the maintenance of the grounds. It is recognized that there is room for argument about this point since different methods of calculation and measuring

deterioration might arrive at somewhat different results. As has been said before, the fact that the college is on the grounds is undoubtedly worth something to the college. Estimates vary about this.

One of the strongest arguments for maintaining the college at Montreat has been that the college provides a situation in which students with limited financial means may obtain a higher education. A careful study was made of other Presbyterian colleges in the area to determine what facilities for taking care of such students existed in those colleges. As a result of these studies it is believed that most of the needy students could be absorbed at the present time by other Presbyterian institutions and could be supported at least to some extent by grants, scholarships and other financial aids. However, the committee is of the opinion that there are many students throughout the southern states who are denied an opportunity to have a college education because of financial limitation. It is believed that the best attack upon this problem would be to work through all of the Presbyterian colleges which have the advantage now of being fully accredited in a large program of student subsidies and scholarships. This is a serious need which should be given consideration by the General Assembly. It is certainly true that students of limited financial means are not alone found in Montreat College. 3,512 of the 9,223 graduates of Presbyterian institutions since 1947 received some kind of financial aid; the amount of aid totaled something over 886,000 dollars. It would be unjustifiable to concentrate such subsidies on one college such as Montreat which would produce only a small proportion of the total number of the graduates of Presbyterian colleges. This is a problem not of one college but a problem which is Assembly-wide in scope. The answer cannot lie in any single college situation.

Moreover, the question of higher education for students with limited financial means cannot be considered apart from a realistic appraisal of the high operational cost of such a program. It is not a sound principle for the Church to sponsor a lower-than-adequate-quality education, and to justify the existence of an unaccredited school operating with meager resources on the ground that such an institution affords some persons a higher education within their financial means. It is a widely recognized fact that a quality institution with a self-help program and low tuition, or a flexible scale of charges appropriate to the student's resources, needs a more stable financial structure than an institution which can depend for a larger measure of support upon an annual income from endowment, tuition and student fees. The committee is in general agreement with the argument that our Church may well need a college (or colleges) where students with limited financial means may obtain a higher education. However, it is felt that all of the Church's educational institutions should seek to achieve academic excellence and full accreditation. The committee was not impressed by the argument that the Church needs to have "good Grade B or Grade C colleges as well as Grade A institutions." It would seem that our aim should be "the highest quality, Christian education available for all who desire it, irrespective of their financial situation. Especially should this be true with respect to colleges which exist for the express purpose of training Christian leaders for responsible positions in the Church."

Another argument for maintaining a college at Montreat is that it trains church workers. It is true that of the 109 graduates of Montreat College listed in one study examined by the committee 33 went into full-time Christian work or approximately one-third. Yet at the same time it should be noted that during the period 1947-53 the Presbyterian colleges produced 1784 full-time Christian workers. It is evident that Montreat College is not alone in producing church workers. It is true that figures produced by the college indicated a large interest in lay Christian work on the part of its students. But almost any college could list a very large number of people who plan to work as lay members of the church. This is not in any sense a criticism of the religious life at Montreat College. It is merely an effort to see the College in perspective with relation to other educational institutions.

On the other hand, the attention of the committee was constantly drawn to the fact that there is a recognized need to extend the services of educational institutions toward preparing certain kinds of full-time Christian workers such as clerical workers, assistants in Christian Education, pastors' secretaries and prospective missionaries. Other institutions have initiated programs of this sort, but the need is still very strong for such personnel.

High School Department at Montreat. The committee also considered the problem of continuing the high school department at Montreat. It understands that plans are now being made to discontinue this rather small operation. The committee concurs heartily with this tendency since not enough emphasis is placed on the preparatory department to make it a significant secondary school.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

The committee therefore has come to certain general conclusions on which are to be based the recommendations proposed:

1. The high school should be discontinued.

2. The four-year college should be discontinued because of excessive expense for which no apparent sources are available.

3. An independent junior college is not feasible because of difficulty in finding support that would not be in competition with synod or presbytery controlled institutions.

4. Nevertheless, the committee recognizes the need for extending the support of the Church to students in need of financial aid so that more of them may find an opportunity to go to Presbyterian colleges. It is clear that the increasing cost of college education in church institutions is posing a serious problem. That many Presbyterian students are going to state institutions because of the cost problem is obvious. It is understood that a study of this is being undertaken by the Board of Christian Education. Such a study should be examined with care because its implications will have much to do with the production of the religious leaders of the Church.

5. It is clear that, if Montreat College is to serve the Assembly as a whole, it must establish a more unique function than is true of the college at the present time and that its academic leadership would need to come from the Assembly as a whole rather than from a limited and more or less local situation.

6. The committee gave careful consideration to the possibility of making Montreat College a junior college and a branch of the Assembly's Training School. The more it explored this situation the more convinced it became that this would be a solution to the problem. There is a generally felt need that the Assembly's Training School should be expanded to provide more specifically trained leaders for the Church. It is recognized that the present program of training Directors of Christian Education at the Assembly's Training School may be serving only a part of the total needs of the Church and that by establishing a branch school at Montreat the Assembly's Training School might not only use this as a source of students but might develop unique and limited programs for the training of lay workers in the Church. At the same time it could provide proper academic leadership which would attempt to serve the needs of the entire Assembly. This should be undertaken not as a general junior college enterprise but as a specifically organized program of studies directed toward certain specific curricular goals. It is not the function of this committee to set forth these particular goals or to give an estimate of such a curriculum program. On the other hand, it is only fair to suggest that such a program would include a specifically-oriented general education. The committee has confidence that the Assembly's Training School could provide leadership in this direction.

In considering Montreat College as a branch of the Assembly's Training School two things were recognized: First, that the definition of a branch should be the definition provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is also recognized that the financial obligations of such a branch would be more limited than those of a general junior college that attempted to serve the needs of all kinds of students. This program would cost the Assembly money but it would be money which the Assembly could control for its specific purposes and needs.

It is felt that there is much sentiment attached to the maintenance of an educational institution at Montreat, and that the continued use of the buildings of the Montreat Association would provide potential services for the Church as a whole, for example, adult education and other areas into which the Church might wish to move.

It was felt by the committee that exploration of this possibility would have to be undertaken by the appropriate boards of the two institutions as is outlined in the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The committee believes that any educational institution at Montreat should serve the entire General Assembly in a distinctive way.

2. The committee feels that, if an educational institution be established or maintained at Montreat, it should be under the direct control of the General Assembly and be supported by the General Assembly.

3. The committee studies indicate an increasing need for trained church workers such as church secretaries and assistants in Christian Education.

4. It is believed that the establishment of a fully accredited junior college at Montreat would enable the Church to better fulfill the need for such church workers throughout the Assembly. However, the committee is convinced that in order to insure that such a junior college shall be educationally sound, as well as closely integrated with the Church's present program for training lay workers, the institution at Montreat should become a branch of the Assembly's Training School with complete operational control in the hands of a single board of trustees.

5. The committee studies have revealed that the enormous expenditures, which would be required to make Montreat College a fully accredited four-year college for the training of such needed Church workers, supports the judgment of the committee that a junior college program at Montreat is the only desirable and feasible objective at the present time.

6. The committee, therefore, recommends that the governing bodies of Montreat College and the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Training School be requested to work out the proper procedures to bring into effect this proposal, and report the results of their deliberations to the 1956 General Assembly.

7. Subject to the General Assembly's approval of the above proposals and the approvals of the boards of the Assembly's Training School and Montreat College, it is recommended that $35,000 be placed in the budget of the General Assembly for the support of Montreat College in the year 1956, and that an additional $15,000 be appropriated for the use of the governing bodies of the two negotiating institutions to assist in effecting the necessary transactions.

Respectfully submitted,
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Some Facts Concerning the Relationship of the Synods and the General Assembly to Montreat College

In 1914 when the directors of the Mountain Retreat Association offered its properties to the General Assembly for the purpose of operating a College there the Presbyterian Church did not own one share of its stock and had no relationship whatever to it. The Mountain Retreat Association was an outside non-profit corporation owned by those who had bought stock in it. It is not surprising that the General Assembly would decline to begin operating a college on the grounds and in the buildings of a corporation over which it had no control whatever.

When the offer was referred to nearby synods it was accepted and trustees elected by the synods though still no organization of the Presbyterian Church owned any part of Montreat.

In 1917 a DECLARATION OF TRUST WAS GRANTED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA holding stock of the Mountain Retreat Association which was placed in it for Religious and Educational purposes for the Presbyterian Church in United States. The owners of the stock, most of whom were Presbyterians, were asked to place their stock in the Trust. In 1955, 80% of this stock is in this trust.

In 1926 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY asked the Mountain Retreat Association to amend its charter so that according to the Trust thirty-four (34) trustees could be elected by the General Assembly and sixteen (16) by the sixteen (16) synods. Apparently now there had been placed in the Trust for the Presbyterian Church a majority of the stock. The change in the charter was made but evidently not until 1931 were Trustees elected for in that year (1931) the names of the trustees appear in the

minutes of the General Assembly for the first time. Up until this date the General Assembly could only deal with the Mountain Retreat Association as it would with any business corporation.

In 1931 then the General Assembly and the sixteen synods came into control of Montreat through the placing of stock in the Declaration of Trust. Here is General Assembly and SYNODICAL CONTROL. The trustees met to take over the operation of Montreat for the Church. Montreat College was a part of the assets of the Mountain Retreat Association. Then it was proper and right that they should assert their ownership. This was done by the Board of Trustees and Directors electing the trustees of Montreat College.

In 1941 an ad interim committee reporting to the General Assembly assured the General Assembly of its proper ownership and control of Montreat through the existing charter and election of trustees. This report included the college in its findings and recommendations. This committee had Judge Charles Rose and Attorney W. A. Boyd on it.

In 1948 an ad interim committee of Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Rev. A. L. Currie, Dr. J. R. McCain and Mr. J. Y. Pharr assured the Assembly again of its ownership and control of the Mountain Retreat Association and that THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP OF MONTREAT COLLEGE TO THE CHURCH, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SYNODS—WOULD BE FOR THE TRUSTEES OF MONTREAT COLLEGE TO BE ELECTED BY THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION. The Charter of Montreat College was amended for that to be done.

In 1949 the General Assembly thanked the president, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors for amending the charter of the college to conform to its expressed wish.

In 1951 The General Assembly declared, "The General Assembly recognizes Montreat College as a Presbyterian Institution controlled by the Mountain Retreat Association."

Dr. R. F. Poole, president of Clemson College, Dr. P. B. Narmore, dean of Georgia School of Technology, Dr. C. S. Sydnor, professor of history at Duke University, with Dr. J. D. Millett of Columbia University as Consultant, reported that the Trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association should be responsible for initiating any needed study concerning the purposes, control and support of Montreat College. Also this committee suggested that the Church would have to discontinue its Junior Colleges except where it had well-established Junior Colleges. (Pages 11 and 6 of the report).

In 1953 An ad interim committee, Rev. R. E. Fry, Florida, Rev. R. R. Craig, Oklahoma, Rev. Charles L. King, Texas, Rev. J. F. Ligon, South Carolina and Rev. J. R. Richardson of Georgia with the following educators, Dr. H. H. Hill, President of Peabody, Dr. B. L. Parkinson, President, Women's College of Mississippi; Dr. J. L. MacLin, President of Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., Dr. James Leyburn, Dean of Washington and Lee, and Dr. J. E. Gibson, Dean of Development of Tulane, reported approving of the policy and program of the College to major in preparing young women to serve the Church as secretaries, Church workers, musicians, missionaries, nurses and as teachers.

The Curricula for that particular program was approved by a committee composed of Dr. Parkinson, Dr. MacLin and Dr. Leyburn, and is the Curricula which the College now has.

This committee was satisfied with the General Assembly's control and direction of Montreat College and recommended that the General Assembly adequately support it.

In 1954 An ad interim committee, Rev. P. D. Miller, chairman; Dr. H. H. Hill, Dr. James Leyburn, Rev. J. R. Cunningham, Rev. C. L. King, Rev. C. G. Davis, Dr. B. L. Parkinson, Rev. C. Ellis Nelson, Rev. J. C. Lawrence, Rev. James Fowle could not agree.

We see the ad interim committees of 1941, 1948, 1953 and the action of the General Assembly of 1949 assured the whole Church that the ownership and control of Montreat and all of its assets and activities are controlled and properly directed by the General Assembly and synods, as all other Church institutions through the election of trustees.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY exercises its control over The General Assembly's Training School and Stillman College through the Boards of Trustees and properly

makes appropriations to them. The General Assembly also makes appropriations to education through the fund it provides the Board of Christian Education for distribution for higher education.

THE NEED FOR ENDOWMENT is pressing, but who would agree that Montreat College must have a $3,000,000 endowment to do a most acceptable job in education for the Church? The average endowment of our 14 Senior Colleges is $1,373,673. Some of our very best colleges have less than $1,000,000 in endowment. Montreat College, with the use of the fine buildings of the Mountain Retreat Association, does not need $1,000,000 now for buildings.

COST OF MAINTAINING AN ACCREDITED JUNIOR COLLEGE at Montreat would be determined by the size of the student body and the amount of the gifts that might be secured for its annual support. Located within a radius of 75 miles of Montreat are 5 junior colleges with support from churches and the state that average approximately $75,000 annually for each junior college. Junior college support and ability to get students is regional. North Carolina Synod has proposals to close all of its junior colleges, and our whole Church has closed 6 of its junior colleges. The present administration has been able to secure gifts from all across our Church for the present program of Senior College education for worthy girls who must have financial help. Indeed, small would be the gifts for a junior college program, as evidenced by the experience of those around us.

SCHOLARSHIP HELP must be given to 68 per cent of Montreat's students despite the fact that the cost for the year is only $535. Many of these students work in the hotel winter and summer as maids, in the dining room, and in the kitchen. These worthy girls could not go to other colleges if they were given scholarships of $500 and even $1,000 per year.

MONTREAT'S SERVICE TO THE CHURCH is seen in the large proportion of its graduates who do full time Church service and in the larger number who serve devotedly through their own church. Is it fair to compare that number with the total number who thus go out to serve from our Colleges, Seminaries and General Assembly Training School? Most of the graduates of the latter institutions would have been counted already in the group from the college where they graduated.

THE USE OF BUILDINGS at Montreat by the Association and the College is mutually helpful. The College cannot operate without that cordial relationship which comes with the Association whereby its administration is shared, and the association must have the full use of College buildings and much of its work done by her students and personnel for the extensive Conference program of the Church. The Association receives as it gives through the care of its buildings during nine months and the use of College buildings for three months. Able contractors and builders of North Carolina agree that it would be very costly to close the type of stone building which we have at Montreat for nine months of each year.

PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCREDITATION of the college has been marked. It is confidently expected that the North Carolina Conference and the State of North Carolina will accredit the college this year if the Church will provide stable support. The survey has been made by the appointed committee and letters from members of the committee justify the expectation. This has been dependent mostly for two years upon the faculty salaries. We are to have at Montreat that which will give a sound Christian education and fulfill the standards of the Church.

THE TRUSTEES BELIEVE that our Church should have a college where Presbyterian parents of average and below average income can send their daughters. Montreat College believes that is its opportunity for great service to an increasing number of worthy young women who want to serve our Church. All of us know of the tremendous increase in those who will be knocking at the doors of colleges within the next few years. Shall our Church close its doors to them? Shall we refuse to use buildings and equipment which have been given to us? Our Church is 69 per cent larger than it was 25 years ago, an increase in membership of 322,998. During that time we have closed 5 senior colleges and have accepted Stillman. Our enrollment with that increase in Church membership is only 578 students in senior colleges more than we had 25 years ago. But in our total educational program, senior and junior colleges, and secondary schools, we have 2,071 fewer students than we had 25 years ago.

INASMUCH as there have been five committees on Montreat College in the last seven years; INASMUCH as the Board of Trustees, the administration and the faculty have faithfully complied with these committees and in carrying out the directive of the General Assembly; INASMUCH as the difficulties created by such constant investigation hinder the progress of the College; and INASMUCH as the College is meeting a real need

THEREFORE the Board of Trustees of Montreat College earnestly request this General Assembly

I. That the College be freed from the pressures and uncertainties which continued investigation create.

II. That the General Assembly commit to the Trustees of Montreat College the development of Montreat College in order that it may serve in the most distinctive and effective way the total educational program of the Church.

III. That in order to accomplish this desired goal the General Assembly place The Mountain Retreat Association in the benevolent budget of the Church in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars ($50,000.00) annually for five years for educational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees of Montreat College
JAMES FOWLE, *Chairman*
C. GRIER DAVIS, *Secretary*

6. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ISSUES CONCERNING PRESBYTERIAN UNION

In accordance with the action of the 1954 General Assembly answering in the affirmative an overture from Concord Presbytery, the Moderator appointed the following committee to prepare and make available to the Church membership at large "a pamphlet setting forth in a clear-cut manner the issues involved" concerning the proposed Presbyterian Union: Rev. Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. Guy T. Gillespie, Jackson, Mississippi; Rev. James A. Jones, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Rev. John R. Richardson, Atlanta, Georgia.

As soon as possible after its appointment, this committee held two meetings, one in Atlanta and one in Montreat, and proceeded as rapidly as possible to prepare the assigned pamphlet. With an explanatory foreword by the Moderator and a statement on its availability by the Stated Clerk, this brochure of 43 pages was distributed to every minister in the Church, the Clerk of each Session, each Ruling Elder, and the President of the Women of the Church in each local organization, this distribution of approximately 30,000 copies being made in August. When the remainder of the first printing of 50,000 copies was exhausted, a second printing of 10,000 copies was authorized. Because of the demand there was a final printing of 5,000 copies which brings the total number of copies printed to 65,000.

Since the brochure itself is in effect the action of this committee, we submit a copy to the Assembly and request that the committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CALDWELL, *Chairman*
JOHN R. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*
GUY T. GILLESPIE
JAMES A. JONES

7. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PRESBYTERY

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., at its meeting in 1953, took action whereby its Committee on the 250th Anniversary of the First Presbytery

in America was "asked to confer with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States with reference to their possible cooperation in this Anniversary." The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., in 1954, accepted this invitation to "cooperate in the celebration," and the Moderator appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. W. T. Fowler, Dr. Hamilton W. McKay, and Rev. Thomas H. Spence, Jr., to "represent it in planning this celebration."

After correspondence and conference with the Secretary of the U.S.A. Committee, it is recommended that this Assembly designate a minister or layman to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in May 1956, as the representative of the Presbyterian Church in the United States at this celebration.

It is suggested that this (U.S.) Assembly may desire to take steps looking toward the celebration of the Anniversary within its own bounds. In such case, a historical address at the 1956 General Assembly, relevant radio and television programs, the use of an appropriate film-strip, the preparation of a special bulletin for the use of local congregations, and proposals looking toward an anniversary service in each Presbytery might well be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ THOMAS H. SPENCE, JR., *Chairman*

IV. REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AND UNION

Your Committee submits its report to the 1955 General Assembly in eleven parts, as follows:

I. OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATION

The officers of the Committee are: Chairman, Rev. Frank H. Caldwell; Vice Chairman, Rev. John A. Redhead; Secretary, Rev. William E. Phifer, Jr. The Committee carries on its work under a Manual approved by the General Assembly.

II. REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

(Note: For actions of the General Assembly relative to reorganization of the Permanent Committee, see page 70. Stated Clerk.)

III. DELEGATES TO OTHER ASSEMBLIES

The following were named as fraternal delegates to other assemblies:

a. To Presbyterian Churches of Scotland and of Wales: Dr. David L. Stitt with Dr. A. J. Kissling as alternate.

b. To Presbyterian Church of England: Dr. A. J. Kissling with Dr. David L. Stitt as alternate.

c. To U.S.A. Assembly: Dr. Wade H. Boggs.

d. To United Presbyterian Assembly: Dr. Olof Anderson.

e. To A.R.P. Synod: Dr. John McSween.

f. That in case neither Principal nor Alternate can attend, the officers be authorized to fill the vacancy.

IV. WORLD MISSIONS JOINT CONFERENCE

Your Permanent Committee reported to the 1954 General Assembly the findings and statements of Joint Conferences held by the several Boards and Agencies engaged in similar work in the U.S.A., U.P., and U.S. Churches. The Joint Conference of the Boards of World/Foreign Missions, however, did not complete its report until December 6, 1954, when a second Joint Conference of these agencies was held in New York City, with the following representatives of the respective Boards present:

U.P.—Dr. George W. Henderson, Dr. Roy E. Grace, Dr. E. Everett Grice, and Dr. H. E. Kelsey.

U.S.A.—Dr. Charles T. Leber, Dr. John C. Corbin, Dr. Allan M. Frew, Mrs. Paul Moser, Miss Margaret Shannon, Dr. John C. Smith.

U.S.—Dr. C. Darby Fulton, Dr. Hugh Bradley, Mrs. H. D. Haberyan, Dr. D. J. Cumming, Dr. Wm. M. Elliott, Jr., Dr. James E. Bear.

The following Statement was unanimously adopted and issued by this Conference:

Under the auspices of the Joint Negotiating Committee, representatives of the three foreign mission boards concerned met in Atlanta, Georgia, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1953, and on December 6, 1954 in New York City. The following statement was unanimously approved at the New York meeting.

I. It is understood that although these persons present at Atlanta, Philadelphia and New York were officially delegated to meet under the auspices of the Joint Negotiating Committee, this statement has not been presented officially to the three boards of foreign missions and does not necessarily represent the considered judgment of the whole membership of the three boards.

II. We find common concern that the world mission of the Church shall have an adequate place in the life of the Church and that direct avenues be kept open by which the claims of the world mission of the Church can be presented to congregations and individuals.

III. We find that in relation to the Church in America, the boards are now following similar procedures in:
1. Interpretation, education and promotion.
2. Selection of personnel, including the requirement that all candidates subscribe to the doctrinal standards of the Presbyterian Church.
3. Raising and administering funds.*
4. Relationships with the general assemblies and other courts and agencies of the churches.

IV. We find in relation to the missions abroad and to the missionaries that the boards are in agreement in recognizing:
1. The necessity on the field of arriving at decisions by democratic and Presbyterian procedures, in responsible field organizations.
2. That the missionary is expected to participate personally in processes by which decisions are reached, and that his status as a participating representative of the Church at home is assured.
3. That the boards provide information and stimulate action by responsible field organizations, each board being held ultimately responsible by its General Assembly for administration of the Church's work abroad.
4. That comparable practices prevail in the handling of missionaries' salaries and allowances.

V. We find, with regard to the missions and the indigenous churches, that the boards are in agreement:
1. That the indigenous community will ultimately assume responsibility for the administration and support of the Christian movement within its own area.
2. That a variety of methods is necessary for meeting the needs growing out of the enlarging responsibility of the national Church.
3. That any overall policy must be adapted to each situation and must be worked out in relation to specific needs in each field. Flexibility of present board procedures allows for such adaptation.
4. That in this area of the relationship of the mission and the indigenous church, there are certain problems and differences in viewpoint that remain to be worked out.

VI. We find agreement that in cooperative work with other denominations, the Christian character of the projects and of the institutions administered jointly must be maintained. We affirm that such cooperative work should be upon the constitu-

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* It is noted that specific study would have to be made on the relationship of women's organizations.

tional premise of loyalty to Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. Recognizing that there is incomplete agreement in relation to certain cooperative enterprises, we declare our earnest desire to explore together methods by which the Christian witness of cooperative enterprises can be assured.

VII. In addition to the many points of agreement, as outlined above, we recognize that there are certain differences among us in matters of policy which will have to be resolved if and when union takes place. It is our conviction that though these problems may be difficult, they may not be insuperable if we approach them in mutual confidence and love, looking to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

V. STATEMENT ON UNION

Under the instructions of the General Assembly, this Permanent Committee has been engaged in negotiations looking toward the re-union of our Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. since 1938. Likewise under Assembly instructions, it has carried on negotiations looking toward the union of three Presbyterian Churches—U.S.A., U.P., and U.S.—since 1950. As revised in 1954, the Plan of Union was approved by the General Assembly, 1954, by a vote of 283 to 169 and referred to the Presbyteries "for their advice and consent." The presbyteries of the U.S.A. and U.P. Churches approved the Plan by more than the majorities required by their respective constitutions. The vote on this Plan among the presbyteries of the U.S. Church, as reported by the Stated Clerk, was 42 for the Plan, 43 against and 1 tied, which means that it fell far short of the ¾ majority required by Par. 168 of our Form of Government. Since, in order to become effective, the proposed Plan required approval of all three Churches according to their own respective constitutions, the effect of the vote in our Church, which initiated the negotiations, is to defeat union under this Plan.

For seventeen years, successive General Assemblies, composed equally of ruling elders and ministers elected as commissioners by the several presbyteries, have approved the continued negotiations looking toward Presbyterian union. Your committee understands and believes that these General Assemblies acted in good faith, expressing the will of the Church to devise a Plan under which Presbyterians might work and worship together as one Presbyterian Church. Consequently, your committee believes that the wise procedure is neither to re-submit a plan of union to the presbyteries now nor to close the door to future possibilities of union.

VI. COOPERATION

Through the years since this Permanent Committee was established, it has witnessed a gratifying measure of progress in the translation of the idea of cooperation in Presbyterian relations from a passive concept to an active concept. Recognizing that Presbyterian churches are striving toward common Kingdom objectives, and that in this common enterprise there is need for mutual understanding, stimulation, encouragement, and the sharing of resources of leadership, means and experience, many areas of the Church have ceased to think of cooperation as a polite attitude of non-interference, and have progressed in the active togetherness of a variety of projects. A joint Hymnal is nearing completion. Numerous joint meetings of synods and of synodicals in overlapping areas have been held, and in some instances such joint meetings have become established annual events. Joint Westminster Foundations have been established and are carrying on their programs of Christian nurture on numerous college and university campuses. In some synods, summer youth conferences have been unified, and other phases of religious education are carried on cooperatively. Moderators of the three General Assemblies—U.P., U.S.A., U.S.—have come to know each other and to be known as other than mere names across ecclesiastical boundaries as they have travelled and spoken together. As recently as March 22-23, representatives of the three Boards of Women's Work met in Pittsburgh to consider several possibilities of joint work.

This committee regards such active cooperative enterprises as being eminently worthwhile, and similar projects have been approved by numerous previous General Assemblies. These are things which can be accomplished cooperatively which are not only of value in themselves, but which are also means of creating mutual understanding, confidence and richness of Christian faith. A mere translation of the votes on union to a map provides eloquent testimony to the Christian love and confidence which are

among the by-products of such cooperation. For, in general, the votes in favor of union were notably stronger in those areas of the Church where there is the most overlapping of work, and where active and repeated cooperation has had the best chance to create mutual understanding and confidence.

Your committee, therefore, recommends jointly with the conference committees of the Permanent Commission on Inter-Church Relations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Permanent Committee on Inter-Church Relations of the United Presbyterian Church of North America:

(Note: The General Assembly adopted only recommendation number 9. For action relative to the remaining eleven recommendations see pages 70, 71. Stated Clerk.)

1. That the General Assembly authorize this committee to appoint at least twelve official delegates to attend the 1956 meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first Presbytery in this country. The General Assembly is also requested to encourage synods and synodicals, and institutions to send visiting delegates, these latter together with individuals who may wish to attend at their own expense to be certified as visiting delegates.

2. That the General Assembly authorize and instruct its Board of Church Extension, through the Division of Evangelism, to explore and carry out as much joint and cooperative evangelism with other Presbyterian and Reformed bodies as may be possible.

3. That the General Assembly authorize and instruct its Board of Church Extension, through its Division which is responsible for Chaplains' work and for other work among the men and women in the armed forces, to explore possibilities of combining as much of such work as possible under unified Presbyterian and Reformed leadership, and to report to the General Assembly its findings and recommendations through this Permanent Committee.

4. That the General Assembly authorize and instruct the Board of Women's Work and the Board of Christian Education, through its Division on Men's Work and the Division of Student and Youth Work, to explore the desirability and feasibility, in cooperation with corresponding agencies of other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, of planning within the next few years three nation-wide meetings—one of Presbyterian men, one of Presbyterian women and one of Presbyterian youth—for inspiration and instruction on themes which would reinforce Kingdom objectives common to the cooperating churches; and that these agencies report their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly through this Permanent Committee.

5. That the General Assembly express its approval and encouragement to the several synods in relation to the active continuation of programs designed to unify Presbyterian work on college and university campuses.

6. That the General Assembly encourage our theological seminaries to engage in cooperative studies and efforts with theological seminaries of other Presbyterian and Reformed bodies.

7. That the General Assembly encourage synods and presbyteries in the most significantly overlapping areas of Presbyterian work—such as West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Florida, for example—to extend cooperative projects such as (a) joint synod meetings, (b) joint youth conferences and rallies, (c) joint meetings of the Men of the Church, (d) joint meetings of the Women of the Church and (e) cooperative planning of work in Home Missions and Evangelism.

8. (a) That the Assembly, recognizing the importance and the extent of the responsibility of providing the ministrations of the Gospel in new residential areas and in those which have hitherto been neglected, urge the presbyteries to work in this task of establishing outposts and chapels with other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, in order that our forces may be most effectively dispersed. To this end, it recommends that subcommittees on Presbyterian Strategy be created in Church Extension Committees, or that the requisite responsibility and authority be vested in existing subcommittees, for such consultation and planting of new work and that no work be developed until consultation with the other Presbyterian or Reformed Churches working in that area.

(b) That the Assembly establish a Committee on Comity, consisting of one member of the Permanent Committee on Inter-Church Relations, one member of the Board of

Church Extension, and one other member elected at large, who shall be available for consultation with any presbytery or synod, or their committees, when desired, and that this committee shall be authorized to meet with similar committees of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and of other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches when necessary, to consider problems of broad import in this field, and to make reports and recommendations to the General Assembly.

9. That the General Assembly authorize its Moderator to appoint an Ad Interim Committee, consisting of the Stated Clerk and three other members—including at least one pastor and one ruling elder from typical "united" or "federated" Presbyterian congregations—to collaborate with similar committees of the U.S.A. and U.P. General Assemblies in working out and recommending to General Assembly plans and procedures for resolving present constitutional problems and for enabling such "united" or "federated" Presbyterian congregations more effectively to carry on their work.

10. That the General Assembly authorize and instruct its several Boards of World Missions, Church Extension, Christian Education, and Women's Work to arrange with the corresponding Boards and Agencies of other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches periodic Joint Conferences for such purposes as:

a. Mutual acquaintance of personnel,

b. Mutual understanding of programs and of patterns of administrative procedure,

c. Discussion of common problems,

d. Discovery and carrying out of feasible cooperative enterprises,

and that appropriate statements, or reports, from such conferences be submitted to this Permanent Committee for its information in relation to the overall cooperative program with which it is concerned as a committee of liaison.

11. That the General Assembly instruct the Committee on the Minister and His Work to explore possibilities of further coordination of work with the Committee on Ministerial Relations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

12. That, in relation to the several cooperative projects recommended above, the General Assembly authorize at least annual meetings of the Permanent Committee's sub-committee on Conferences with similar sub-committees of the Committees on Inter-Church Relations of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

VII. Report on North American Area, World Presbyterian Alliance

The 17th General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches Throughout The World Holding The Presbyterian Order was held on the campus of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, July 27-August 5, 1954. 17 delegates with 3 women and 4 youth corresponding members attended from our Church.

The General Council adopted a revised Constitution and a set of new By-Laws. According to the specifications in these documents, the following official names may be noted: The name of the Alliance is "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian Order." The briefer forms are "The World Presbyterian Alliance", or "The World Alliance of Reformed Churches."

The organizations in different parts of the world, formerly called "sections", are now called "areas" and two definite areas were designated: The North American Area and The European Area. When an area holds a general meeting that meeting is called a "council."

The North American Area Council met in Ottawa, Canada, February 15-17, 1955. This is the first meeting since the name was changed from "Western Section" and is the first meeting since February 1953, the 1954 meeting having been omitted because of the Princeton meeting of the Alliance as a whole. There were present approximately 90 official delegates from the member Churches of the Area. Among the business transacted was the adoption of a new set of By-Laws for the Area, in agreement with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alliance.

The Alliance is supported by contributions from its member Churches. The North American Area Council took action concerning this support as follows: "Member Churches in the Area are requested to increase their annual per capita contributions

from four mills to five mills, effective for the year 1955." All contributions of Churches in the North American Area are sent to the North American Treasurer. The Treasurer in turn sends the agreed upon part of the contributions to the General Treasurer of the Alliance for the support of the general work of the Alliance.

The 17th General Council adopted, and the North American Area endorsed, a project to restore the auditorium which was used by John Calvin in Geneva. It is a small building beside the Cathedral of Sain Pierre. It is proposed to restore the building as an interdenominational memorial for the Reformed family of Churches and to make it suitable for various kinds of uses. This is an intriguing world-wide enterprise for which funds are being sought by an international committee. The chairman of this Committee is Reverend Dr. H. Ray Anderson, Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois, and the Vice-Chairman is the Duke of Hamilton in Scotland. The North American Area Council took action requesting each member Church to have this matter presented at its next General Assembly.

VIII. Report on World Council of Churches

The World Council of Churches held its second Assembly in Evanston, Illinois last summer. The official participants numbered 1,298 and came from 179 churches in 54 countries. Of these the 502 delegates represented 132 member churches in 42 countries. More than 120,000 persons witnessed the ecumenical Festival of Faith in Chicago's Soldier's Field on the opening night of the Assembly, and 9,000 jammed Northwestern University's McGaw Hall on August 22 to see the Inter-Church Aid dramatic documentary entitled, "By the Waters of Babylon." An estimated 20,000 persons were on hand to hear the President of the United States address the Assembly.

Six new Presidents of the World Council of Churches were unanimously elected at a plenary session on August 25. These six new Presidents are: 1. The Very Rev. John Baillie, renowned theologian and Principal of New College, University of Edinburgh. Dr. Baillie is a member of the Church of Scotland. 2. Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires, a Bishop of the Methodist Church. 3. Bishop F. K. Otto Dibelius, President of the Evangelical Church in Germany. 4. Mar Thoma Juhanon, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church in South India. 5. Archbishop Michael of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. 6. The Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of New York, presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Two new churches were unanimously admitted to membership in the World Council of Churches, bringing the total membership to 163. Both of the new member churches are from South Africa. They are the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa of the Cape Province and the Bantu Presbyterian Church of South Africa. The first of these churches has a membership of approximately 290,000 and the second has a membership of around 50,000.

A new annual budget of $441,000 was adopted after submission by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. Eugene C. Blake. This budget will go next to the central committee for analysis and final vote. The World Council faces a major problem, it was reported, in lack of ready cash to meet ongoing expenses of its widespread refugee operation because of delayed receipts of church pledges and agency grants.

The main theme of the Second Assembly was "Christ, the Hope of the World." It has been said that no problem in the light of the Christian Church has had such widespread study and discussion as this subject. A rather remarkable message centering around this theme was issued from the Assembly to the churches. The message closes with these significant words: "We are not sufficient for these things, but Christ is sufficient. We do not know what is coming to us, but we know who is coming. It is He who meets us every day and who will meet us at the end—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, we say unto you: Rejoice in hope."

An appeal from the World Council of Churches Issued by the Second Assembly of the Council Evanston, Illinois — August 15-31, 1954

The World Council of Churches bears witness to Christ as the Hope of the World. In the strength of that hope, and impelled by the desire to help in the relief of present tensions it makes the following appeal:

1. We appeal to the governments and the peoples to continue to speak to one another,

to avoid rancor and malice, and to look for ways by which fear and suspicion may be removed.

2. We appeal to the governments and the peoples also to devote their strength and their resources to meeting the peaceful needs of the citizens of their countries, and above all a determined common effort to secure a decent standard of living among poorer and underdeveloped countries.
3. We appeal to the statesmen and the leaders of public opinion and the press to refrain from words and actions which are designed to inflame enmity and hatred.
4. We appeal to the representatives of the churches in those countries between which tension exists to visit one another, so that they may gain a better understanding of one another and of the countries in which they live, and thus strengthen the bonds of fellowship and promote the reconciliation of the nations.
5. We appeal to the churches to bid their members recognize their political responsibilities, and also to ask Christian technicians and administrators to find a vocation in the service of U.N. Agencies engaged in meeting the needs of economically and technically underdeveloped countries, thus bringing a Christian temper of love and understanding to bear upon the immensely difficult task of mutual assistance in the encounter of different cultures.
6. We appeal to all members of all churches to unite in a common ministry of reconciliation in proclaiming Christ as the Hope of the World, in intercession for one another and in mutual service.
7. Finally, we call upon all Christians everywhere to join in prayer to Almighty God, that He will guide the governments and the peoples in the ways of justice and peace.

IX. Report on National Council of Churches

One or more of the principals from our church on the General Board have attended each of its meetings. More than one alternate has attended in the absence of the principals. In response to the request of the General Board, our denomination appointed two laymen on the General Board, thus giving us four representatives, each having one-half vote. One of these laymen has been most active in the deliberations of the General Board.

The National Council of Churches is said to represent sixty-three percent of Protestantism. The magnitude of its activity and the scope of its cooperative programs is impressive. More and more your representatives are impressed with "the clear indication on the part of the leaders of the member churches that the primary purpose of the Christian Church is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ which would result in a concern for others."

We are glad to report that the National Council completed its 1954 operations with a balanced budget. Receipts totaled $8,692,725, and expenditures totaled $8,099,176. Excess of receipts over expenditures was $593,549. Increase of income for 1954 from that of 1953 was $816,802. The Council's lack of General Undesignated income and an adequate General Fund Balance continues to be one of the most critical financial problems.

The decision on a permanent location for the National Council was made at a meeting of the General Board in September 1954. The following official action was taken:

(1) That New York be designated the headquarters location for the administrative and General Program operations of the Council.

(2) That Chicago be designated as the site for a major office through which the whole life of the Council will be represented and field contacts and services will be maintained.

(3) That the General Board make a study in cooperation with the supervisory bodies of its major units of steps which will be taken to distribute geographically the meetings of policy making bodies of the Council.

(4) That the General Committee on Program and Field Operations be requested to devise measures for strategic geographical distribution of staff services, including a study of the wisdom of maintaining additional regional offices.

Another significant action of the General Board in September was the adoption of a statement on the Christian principles and assumptions for economic life. The document passed by a vote of 77 for, 4 against, and 1 abstention. The document is commended

to our people as a serious approach to the application of the Christian message to the so-called secular life of our day. In this connection we are well reminded of the following:

> The General Board calls to the attention of its constituent communions and their members that when it approves a pronouncement, it does so on the authority given to it by its constituent communions according to the constitution of the National Council of Churches. It is clear, however, that this means on the one hand that the constituent Communions or any of their members have full right and responsibility to protest and to differ when their own convictions, under the authority of the Scriptures illumined by the Holy Spirit, vary from the Council's pronouncement; and on the other hand that the National Council of Churches' pronouncements do have full value as an expression of the current conviction of the National Council of Churches through its General Assembly or General Board, composed of representatives of the constituent churches and as indicated by a majority vote of the representatives of those churches, these representatives exercising their responsible and constitutional discretion under the guidance of the same Holy Spirit.

The biennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches was held in Boston, Massachusetts, November 28-December 3, 1954. The following representatives and consultants of our Church were in attendance: Representatives, John M. Alexander, Harold Kilpatrick, Richard A. Farnsworth, C. E. Mount, Ferguson Wood, Andrew Edington, C. Darby Fulton, Janie W. McGaughey, Mrs. F. R. Crawford, Marion A. Boggs, Marshall C. Dendy, J. R. McCain, John S. Land, E. C. Scott, Louise McComb, D. J. Cumming; Consultants, Louise A. Davidson, Mrs. W. Rex Josey, Mrs. H. D. Haberyan, Mrs. J. W. McQueen, W. B. Sullivan. Two meetings of our group were held, arranging for full recognition and accreditation of our members and assigning to each representative a special section of the General Assembly upon which to report. A breakfast was also held for the representatives of the U.S.A., U.P. and U.S. Churches, which was attended by approximately 110 persons. The addresses and messages given by the top leaders of World Protestantism at the public meetings of the General Assembly were of a high order. Since they were numerous and have been commented upon in the religious press, we resist the temptation to comment upon them.

The General Assembly at Boston voted to meet hereafter triennially. The next meeting will be held in St. Louis in 1957. The main reason for shifting from a biennial to a triennial meeting is the fact that the preparation for a General Assembly meeting involves such lengthy and elaborate work on the part of the executive officers and the great number of staff officers that it was thought the less frequent meetings would give them added opportunity to implement the decisions of the General Assembly and to better carry forward the sustained programs of the Council. It should be noted that since the General Board will have added responsibility, its membership has been increased from 125 to 200.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was elected president of the National Council for the forthcoming triennium, succeeding Bishop William C. Martin who served most ably during the last two years. It is a matter of gratification that Mr. R. A. Farnsworth was elected one of the vice-presidents for the next three years.

In conclusion, let us say that in addition to attending the meetings of the General Board and participating in the work of the General Assembly, your representatives are given assignments on many committees. We are glad to devote ourselves assiduously to the work you have assigned us in this great cooperative movement, and solicit your prayers and suggestions at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. LAND, *Chairman*

X. REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society is the organization the Presbyterian Church has set apart for the single task of providing the Holy Scriptures for all mankind. It is realized one organization must be designated to translate, publish and distribute the Bible. Hence for Presbyterians the American Bible Society has always been set apart for this distinctive duty. At the same time it belongs to some nearly 60 other denominations.

In 1954 our Church was represented at the Advisory Council meeting by Dr. Felix B. Gear of Columbia Seminary and he along with 52 official representatives of other churches reviewed the greatly enlarged work of the Society. Sixty new translations either have been completed or were in process in 1954. Final work is being completed on the New Spanish Revised Bible. Total publications in 1955 will approximate 14,000,000, including 500,000 Bible and 750,000 Testaments.

Distribution in the United States has been at a high level, especially among men and women of the Armed Forces. The Advisory Council urged all denominations to increase giving by at least 10%. The assignment of Dr. Ralph Mortensen to special service among millions of Chinese in Southeast Asia is a new venture. There is a new Agency in Liberia and one in Haiti soon. Scripture Circulation in Latin America exceeded a million copies. A new Bible House will open there soon.

Efforts are being made in 1955 to reach those in East Germany and others behind the Iron Curtain with the Scriptures in proper languages. In India the Sermon on the Mount has been distributed in nine languages. Service to the Blind continues.

Television stations are cooperating in using Bible reading periods and would continue throughout the year if providing filmed readings could be financed. Many papers and magazines are reprinting Bible reading lists. A historical film, "Our Bible—How It Came to Us" produced by the Society is being widely acclaimed.

With all the effort of the American Bible Society and of 20 other Bible societies, there are still millions waiting for the printed Word of God which they can read. It is therefore urged that we stress the collection of increased funds for this purpose. Since 1816 the American Bible Society has served in this ministry and we rejoice in the success of their work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PHIFER, JR., *Secretary*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK FOR THE YEAR 1954

The Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work in presenting the 17th annual report to the 1955 General Assembly again calls attention to the following recommendations of the Standing Committee on this Committee to the 1953 Assembly:

> "That the General Assembly remind the Committees and Commissions on the Minister and His Work of the Assembly, Synods and Presbyteries, that the original purpose of these Committees and Commissions was to help ministers desiring changes in pastorates as well as to aid pastorless churches in securing ministers. We recognize the value of each of these emphases in what has been done and which the Assembly is still earnestly trying to do."

Your committee sought to keep these concepts plainly in view in everything planned or done during the entire year. That we have been successful in doing so is evident in the growing number of churches, from the very largest to the very smallest, in the Assembly turning each year more quickly to the Commissions on the Minister and His Work for aid in securing pastors, and in the increased cooperation we have been receiving from the ministers in filling out and returning Data Forms as they have been requested.

It is the purpose of the Assembly's Committee, and the purpose of every individual member on it to be of the greatest possible assistance to every congregation and to every minister on the rolls of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in every problem which either the congregation or the minister faces. None of us have any bias but try to extend wholehearted and freely-given aid to every church or pastor whenever such aid is sought. As an aid to pastorless churches we have available for Commissions on the Minister and His Work and nominating committees of pastorless churches Data Forms from more than 1,000 of our ministers at the time of this Assembly and that number is steadily increasing. Every new Data Form on file in the office of the Assembly's Committee makes more help available for congregations seeking pastors. Last year we reported Data Forms having been received from a little over 400 ministers.

CHURCH SURVEYS

The Church Surveys are designed primarily to enable a minister being considered for a pastorless church to obtain an accurate and complete picture of that church. This survey, experience has proven, can best be filled out by the joint meeting of all of the officers of a church presided over by the pastor, who is leaving a church to accept a call elsewhere. If this is done carefully and prayerfully the minister invited to visit the church will not only have definite knowledge of the congregation seeking his services but he will find official boards newly cognizant of the challenge, needs and opportunities of their church. We suggest that these Church Surveys be filled out before a pastor leaves so that they will present all the facts pertaining to the church.

WE RECOMMEND that a completed Church Survey filled out by all the officers of a church be submitted to the Commission on the Minister and His Work at its first meeting with the nominating committee of that church in order that the Commission may review the survey carefully with the committee.

REGIONAL AND SYNOD CONFERENCES

Regional Conferences have been held in strategic points in the General Assembly since 1950 with great gain to chairmen of Committees on the Minister and His Work of synods, chairmen of Commissions on the Minister and His Work of presbyteries and executive secretaries or superintendents of church extension of presbyteries and synods. The benefits of these one-day meetings have been so pronounced to those participating that regional conferences in 1954 sought to have such conferences held every other year at the level of synods so that more members of presbyteries' Commissions on the Minister and His Work could participate and be helped. On these synod level conferences every member of every presbytery's Commission should attend so that they may share with their chairmen the responsibilities which have been laid upon them by the General Assembly in Paragraph 96, Book of Church Order.

WE RECOMMEND that Regional Conferences on the Minister and His Work and meetings of all members of Commissions on the Minister and His Work at the synod level be held on alternate years. Meetings at the synod level would include all members of the Synod's Committee on the Minister and His Work and as many members as possible of Commissions on the Minister and His Work of the presbyteries within the synod.

MINISTERS COMING INTO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Last year, as in former years, presbyteries of our Church received ministers from other denominations. These ministers are not acquainted with the program or methods of work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in their new fields. Taking recognition of this fact the 1953 General Assembly provided that before such a minister may be called by a congregation the usual objective information about him first shall have been obtained by the nominating committee. We request that every Commission observe this action and that presbyteries do not approve calls wherein this procedure has not been followed.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS FAILING TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.

In the past few years the work of our Church has been greatly and increasingly hindered by the sheer failure of congregations to support the approved benevolent work of the Church in the program of its board and agencies. The situation led the Conference of Stewardship Chairmen held by the General Council in Memphis in 1954 to adopt the following recommendation:

"Whereas some $750,000 is annually reported in the General Assembly Minutes as given to Miscellaneous Benevolences; 'And whereas we recognize that a portion of this is for legitimate benevolent causes, we also recognize that a considerable portion is drained off to independent and often highly questionable religious causes in no way related to our denomination's work;

'And, whereas we recognize and believe that this is largely due to the leadership of ministers who are not sympathetic to the work of our Church, having in many cases entered our Church from backgrounds unrelated to our Church:

'That this Regional Conference on Stewardship recommend to the General Council that appropriate steps be taken to call upon Commissions on the Minister and His Work of presbyteries to insist that ministers coming into presbyteries be called upon to pledge themselves to support these causes to the exclusion of causes not related to the program of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. This is not to be interpreted as eliminating contributions to social charity funds such as Community Chest, etc., through the church by individuals.' "

The above was received by the General Council and strong feelings were expressed about it. Without doubt the contributions to outside causes have a crippling effect upon the program of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. One outstanding case coming to our attention recently is a church which during the nine-months year ended December 31, 1953 gave a total of $36,847.00 to benevolences of which $32,963.00 went to miscellaneous or outside causes. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be!" Your committee deems this matter to be inherent in the continued growth and prosperity, spiritually and financially of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. The Committee on the Minister and His Work recognizes this matter because it is convinced the benevolence program of the congregation reflects in large measure the desires of the minister. Many of the questions with which Commissions on the Minister and His Work are confronted in dealing with local churches stem from this cause.

Ministers Guilty of Moral Violations

There is a demand from various parts of our Church that the presbyteries deal with ministers guilty of moral violations. Of course, the ministry almost as a whole is loyal not only to the Word of God but to every requirement of the moral code. But only a few cases will injure the entire ministry unless such are dealt with promptly by the presbytery of which the minister is a member. This matter is stated very clearly in a recent book AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL RECOVERY written by Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., of which President Dwight D. Eisenhower is a member. Dr. Elson states therein: "For if the life of a minister of religion is not lived in the open and if he cannot be trusted he cannot lead. If a minister of religion cannot lead in the things of the spirit, on which our life is so dependent, then he must vacate his leadership to someone who can lead. But the truth of the matter is that there is no body of men more dedicated to God and as thoroughly loyal to the standards of American democracy as the ministers of the Church of Christ. Were they not so loyal, and did they love their country less, they would not seek in so many ways to keep her true to her foundation, to correct her mistakes, and to urge full use of her opportunities to serve and uplift the whole world."*

A minister stands in a unique position in our American culture. His private as well as his public life is an open book. Sometimes more impact is made by his character than by his sermons. People look to him for guidance.

The responsibility of his presbytery is two-fold. In the first place, people in the public eye are subject to malicious rumors. When the presbytery finds such rumors are without foundation it is obligated to clear the good name of the minister.

In the second place, when there is proven guilt the minister should be dealt with by the presbytery. It should have the courage to pass judgment based upon the facts. Commissions from time to time face difficult problems arising out of the failures of presbyteries to deal with such cases.

WE RECOMMEND that each presbytery and each session be equally zealous in condemning public offenses of men in the ministry and in condemning unproved charges of public offenses against them, in accord with the Rules of Discipline of the Book of Church Order. That being the case, no minister should be recommended to the Commission on the Minister and His Work in another presbytery if the presbytery of which he is a member knows he is morally unsuited for the Christian ministry. On the other hand, no minister is to be condemned because of rumors.

Ministers and Federal Social Security

We call the attention of the Assembly to the recommendation from the Board of Annuities and Relief giving the steps whereby ministers may avail themselves of Social

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Security coverage. Commissions should familiarize themselves with the necessary provisions so that they can advise ministers about this important matter made available for the first time to those in the Christian ministry. It is best for such information to be secured from local Social Security boards, as our Board of Annuities and Relief suggests.

WE RECOMMEND that Commissions on the Minister and His Work bear in mind "fringe benefits," such as automobile and other allowances, vacation period, participation in the Group Insurance Plan of the Church, and participation in Federal Social Security and that these be included in the presbytery's manual.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The 1954 General Assembly authorized the nomination of four laymen as co-opted members of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work. We are happy to report all four of them attended the annual meeting of the Committee held on January 19, 1955. The counsel of these men proved most helpful.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. F. W. A. BOSCH

We are deeply grieved over the untimely death of one of the most valued members of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, the Rev. F. W. A. Bosch. His presence and wisdom helped every session of the committee during his term of office.

FINANCES

The 1954 General Assembly made an appropriation in the amount of $17,000 for the operations of this Committee on the Minister and His Work for that year. Our actual expenses last year amounted to $16,959.73. The increased usefulness of the committee to the Assembly adds to the expense but we know of no other department giving so much service to the Church at so meager a cost.

WE RECOMMEND that the General Assembly make the same appropriation of $17,000 for the year 1955 as was made for 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES HADDON NABERS, *Chairman*
R. GRAHAM WHITE, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

of the
AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Trustees of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary submits the following report for the year 1954-55.

CONTROL

The Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary continues under the ownership and control of the Synods of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, acting through this Board of twenty-four members.

There are no vacancies existing on the Board at the present time.

Officers of the Board serving during the past year were:

Chairman	The Rev. C. L. King, D.D.
Vice-Chairman	The Rev. S. C. Guthrie, D.D.
Secretary	The Hon. Tom A. Cutting
Treasurer	John W. Smiley

FACULTY

President David L. Stitt, on Sabbatic leave during the year, has studied at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

The death of Professor Samuel L. Joekel on November 12, 1954, is recorded with profound sorrow and a deep sense of loss. Dr. Joekel was Allen-Johnson Professor of English Bible and had served on the faculty since 1926.

Dr. Bernhard Citron served the second of his two years as Guest Professor of Biblical Theology.

Dr. Carlyle Marney served as Guest Professor in Homiletics the spring semester.

STUDENT BODY

Students enrolled:	Seniors	24	
	Middlers	35	
	Juniors	37	
	Graduates	28	
	Specials	15	
	Lay School	2	141
	In the University of Texas		
	By Seminary Professors	155	
	Through Extension Courses	40	195
	TOTAL		335

Three Graduate Study Fellowships and one special award were made this year to the following:

Alumni Fellow, William R. Wilson
Board Fellow, Robert J. Sebesta
W. P. Newell Fellow, William L. Van Auken
S. L. Joekel Award, Julian T. Hendren

LECTURES

Dr. Charles B. Templeton was Settles Lecturer on Evangelism.

The Mid-Winter Lecturers were:

Dr. George S. Hendry, Thomas White Currie Lecturer, "The Problem of the Spirit in Christian Theology."

Dr. Seward Hiltner, Robert F. Jones Foundation Lecturer, "Human Development: General and Religious."

Dr. John A. Redhead, E. C. Westervelt Lecturer, "Faith and Life."

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Construction on the new single students dormitory has begun, and completion in time for September occupancy is expected.

FINANCES

Approximately $125,000 has been received during the year toward the erection of the new men's dormitory, now under construction.

Additions to permanent funds during the year amounted to about $60,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. KING, *Chairman of the Board*

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2. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

I. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

Columbia Theological Seminary remains under the ownership and control of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. It is governed by a Board of twenty-one Directors who are elected by the synods and charged with responsibility for the policies of the institution. Six members of the Board of Directors

are elected by the Synod of South Carolina, six by the Synod of Georgia, and three each by the Synods of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Eleven of the present members of the Board are ministers and nine are ruling elders. There is now one vacancy on the Board which is to be filled by the Synod of South Carolina at its next meeting. The officers of the Board elected for the coming year are as follows:

Chairman: Dr. P. D. Miller, Atlanta, Ga.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. J. R. McCain, Decatur, Ga.
Secretary: Rev. Donald B. Bailey, Kingstree, S. C.
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary: Miss C. Virginia Harrison, Decatur, Ga.

II. FACULTY

The faculty of Columbia Seminary at the present time consists of ten full professors, one associate professor and three part-time instructors.

Dr. Samuel A. Cartledge, Professor of New Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis, returned to the campus last August after a year of sabbatic leave spent in European study and travel, and resumed his duties both as Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and as Dean of Graduate Study.

Dr. James H. Gailey, Jr., Associate Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis, was elected by the Board of Directors at its recent meeting as a full professor.

Mr. Clive Franklin Jacks, Jr., of Decatur, Georgia, a graduate of Emory University, who received his B. D. from Columbia Theological Seminary with the distinction *magna cum laude* in May, has been appointed as an additional Instructor in Greek and Hebrew for the coming school year.

The entire seminary community was saddened by the death on September 2, 1954, of Dr. E. D. Kerr, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Old Testament Language and Literature, who passed away unexpectedly at his home in Newberry, S. C. Dr. Kerr had retired from active teaching duties in May, 1954, after thirty-seven years of service as a member of the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary.

III. VISITING LECTURERS

The year just ended was a notable one at Columbia Theological Seminary through the coming to our campus of an outstanding group of scholars from other countries. Late in the spring of 1954 Dr. Claude F. A. Schaeffer, a distinguished French archaeologist, lectured on "Archaeological Discoveries in the Near East." Dr. Alan Richardson, a Professor of Nottingham University in England, Dr. Oscar Cullman, Professor at the University of Basel in Switzerland, and Dr. H. H. Rowley, Professor in the University of Manchester in England, have been guest lecturers during the school session 1954-55. These distinguished scholars have made a significant contribution to the intellectual life of the campus.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Methodist Episcopal Church is to deliver the Smyth Lectures for the school session 1955-56 during the week of October 31-November 4, 1955.

IV. STUDENT BODY

The enrollment of students by groups for the last school session was as follows: Postgraduates 32, seniors 46, middlers 54, juniors 70, clinical 5, special 2, total 209. The members of the student body this year represented 20 states and four foreign countries, and received their pre-seminary training at 75 different colleges and universities. 182 of these students are members of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., 7 represent the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and 3 are from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. There are 8 Baptist students and six other denominations were represented in the student body. The enrollment of students for the coming year is already unusually heavy and it now appears doubtful whether the seminary will be able to provide space for all of the qualified students who desire to enroll.

V. FINANCES

For the twenty-second consecutive year Columbia Theological Seminary has been able to maintain a balanced budget and has completed its fiscal year with a slight excess of income over expenses. The total revenue of the seminary for current opera-

tions during the year 1954-55 amounted to $164,395.05. The excess of revenue over expenses amounted to $92.19. The annual auditor's report shows the value of the seminary's physical equipment as $1,353,928.85, and the total amount of its endowment funds as $1,105,270.03.

The seminary has recently been advised that under the will of the late Dr. Calvin Young of Plant City, Florida, it will receive 15% of the annual income of an estate which is estimated at approximately $1,000,000.00. The entire estate has been left to the trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation, and specified percentages of the income will go to various other church causes and agencies.

VI. Plans for Future Development

A careful self-study of Columbia Seminary's situation, made by members of the faculty and Board of Directors, has led to the conclusion that this institution must be prepared to accommodate a student body of at least 300 by 1965. It is the conviction of the Board of Directors that at least $5,000,000.00 of additional funds for new buildings and for endowment should be secured within this ten year period. There is an urgent need for a new dormitory and for additional apartments for married students to be erected at the earliest possible date. It is highly important that the size of the faculty should be increased as rapidly as possible, first in order to serve the present student body more adequately, and then to provide for the development of a first class program of postgraduate theological study. It is our hope that a campaign to provide needed funds for the seminary can be projected by the supporting synods in the early future.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Bailey, *Secretary*

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3. REPORT OF LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Louisville Seminary respectfully submits the following report for the academic year 1954-55:

I. Directors

The following new Directors have been elected since the last Report in the Classes as indicated: Dr. Frank A. Mathes, Birmingham, 1958; Mr. Murray P. Nicol, Louisville, 1958; Dr. C. E. Mount, Cape Girardeau, 1957; Mr. John F. Cannon, St. Louis, 1958; Mr. Leland B. Schlegel, 1958, and Dr. Robert L. McLeod, Jr., Ft Lauderdale, Florida, 1955.

II. Faculty

Professor Norman A. Horner, who has served as Associate Professor of Missions and Acting Dean for the past several years, has been elected by the Board Full Professor of Missions and Dean of the Seminary. The response of both faculty members and students to his work as a teacher and as an academic administrator has been enthusiastic, and the educational position of the seminary is strengthened by this action.

Rev. L. C. Rudolph began his work in July, 1954, as Assistant to the President and Instructor in Church History. He has commended himself in both aspects of his work, and his coming to the faculty has made possible a long desired reinforcement of the Historical and Doctrinal Fields in the curriculum and has met a pressing need in the area of Public Relations and Promotion.

In the realm of publications, Dr. Love, Professor of Biblical Theory, wrote the Study Book on Romans for the Women of the Church this year. Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman anticipates the publication in book form of the series of lectures which he delivered at Union Seminary in connection with the Sprunt Lectures. President Frank H. Caldwell has accepted the invitation of the Austin Seminary to deliver the Westervelt Lectures in Homiletics there in February, 1957.

III. STUDENTS

The upward trend of enrollments in the seminary for the past ten years is clearly indicated in the following table of enrollments in two-year intervals:

Year:	1946	1948	1950	1952	1954	1955
Total:	56	62	106	148	151	155

The current student body represents attendance from 27 states and 3 foreign countries. These students represent 81 institutions previously attended.

The prospect is for between 40 and 50 new students to enter in September, 1955. As this report is written, it is anticipated that 32 will be graduated on May 31, 1955.

IV. FINANCES

As this report is written, the fiscal year has not closed, but it is confidently expected that the seminary will again complete a year of operations within its income.

Endowment funds were increased during the *calendar* year, 1954, as follows:

General Endowment Fund	$13,637.62
Library	29,988.77
Scholarships	9,825.09
TOTAL	$53,451.48

V. NEW CAMPUS AND PLANT

On June 15, 1954, a beautiful new campus of 32 acres was acquired in the eastern part of Louisville, adjacent to Seneca Park. After more than a year of careful study of various alternatives and of comparative costs, the Board has approved a plan (1) to move the stone facing of the present quadrangle to the new campus and to re-erect it so that the front appearance of these buildings will be the same as at present, thus literally perpetuating all Memorial Buildings, (2) to re-design and construct anew the interior, so as to provide more usable space within the limitations of the present exterior of these buildings, (3) to expand the present quadrangle (in what is now the north, or back, side of the buildings, not at present faced with stone, so that the new quadrangle, as expanded, will provide ample academic and administrative facilities, and considerable housing for students, (4) to erect new and additional housing facilities for students, (5) to erect faculty homes on the campus as funds available may make this possible, (6) to make site development plans for the long-term future, affording facilities for an enrollment of 250 students.

Although we have not reached the stage at which contractors' bids are available, it is apparent that this project will cost at least $2,000,000 for the essential parts. As this report is written, pledges, cash, and salable property for this purpose amount to approximately $650,000.

The erection of the new plant cannot come too soon, but no date for the beginning of construction can be set until the campaigns in the controlling synods have reached the point of assuring at least the cost of the expanded main quadrangle.

The seminary believes that the detailed plans, as they have been cautiously and carefully worked out, will meet with the enthusiastic approval of most Presbyterians in our constituency. We appreciate the loyalty which has already been manifested. We believe that the completion of this project will enable the seminary, on behalf of the Church, to meet the greatest opportunity which it has confronted in the 102 years of its history. We, therefore, look confidently to the Church, that it may measure up to the challenge of God's answer to the prayers of His people to "send more laborers into the harvest."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CALDWELL, *President*

REPORT OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia submits the following report for the Session of 1954-55 to the General Assembly:

1. Ownership and Control

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia is owned and controlled by the Synods of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Appalachia through a board of 28 trustees elected by the synods. One-half of the trustees are ministers, and one-half are ruling elders or deacons. The president is a 29th trustee, ex-officio.

2. The Faculty

At the special meeting of the Board of Trustees in January, the Rev. Dr. James A. Jones, Pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, was named President-elect of the Seminary. Dr. Jones will take office in January, 1956, when Dr. Lacy retires.

This year Dr. Frank B. Lewis assumed his duties as a Professor in the Seminary following a period of preparatory study. Not only in his courses in Christian Ethics but in his contacts with the students and with the Faculty he has made an impressive contribution to the life of the Seminary.

Another event of the year was the presence on the campus during the last quarter of Dr. Suzanne de Dietrich as visiting Professor. Miss de Dietrich is a member of the Faculty of the Ecumenical Institute, Celigny, Switzerland, an author of many books, and a lecturer of distinction. A member of the Reformed Church of France, she taught courses on "The People of God" and "Images of the Church." Her presence on the campus, where she has made many personal contacts with the students, has added to the spiritual and scholastic life of our institution.

Mr. Henry McKennie Goodpasture has been named as Assistant to the President for the next school year, replacing the Rev. Archie Glenn McKee, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, North Carolina.

The Board of Trustees has elected as a member of the teaching staff the Rev. James Luther Mays, B.A., B.D., Pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton, North Carolina. After a period of two years' study, Mr. Mays will take his place on the Faculty in the Biblical Department.

It is hoped that still another member can be added to the Faculty in the next year.

3. Students and Degrees

There were 209 undergraduate students this year. In addition, 94 ministers were studying for advanced degrees. The students came from 25 states and countries, and had studied at the amazing number of 132 different literary institutions prior to enrolling here. Fifty-one students were awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity; 3 were awarded a Diploma without Degree; 4 finished courses of study without the required work in the original languages; 3 others completed 3 years' study as special students; 8 Degrees of Master of Theology were awarded, and 5 Degrees of Doctor of Theology.

4. Special Lectures

During the first two weeks in August, a Preaching Clinic will be held under the leadership of Dr. Robert White Kirkpatrick. Dr. James S. Stewart, Professor of New Testament Language, Literature and Theology of the University of Edinburgh; Dr. A. Hayden Hollingsworth, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, and Dr. Balmer H. Kelly will be the other members of the Faculty during the Clinic.

During the James Sprunt Lecture Week in March, Dr. Harold Henry Rowley, Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature of the University of Manchester, England, delivered lectures on "The Faith of Israel: Aspects of Old Testament Thought." Other lecturers were Dr. James T. Cleland, Professor of Preaching at Duke Divinity School,

and Dr. Kenneth Joseph Foreman, Professor of Doctrinal Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. A number of other prominent speakers were heard during the year.

The Sprunt Lectures for 1956 will be delivered by Dr. James Hastings Nichols, Professor of Church History, The Divinity School, University of Chicago.

5. Mid-Century Development Program

During the past year an additional $410,791.15 was paid by persons who had made pledges to the Mid-Century Development Program. This brings the total collections to $2,052,481.93. Some 4,200 pledges out of more than 19,000 have not yet been paid in full. Cancellations have been very small in number and amount. It is hoped that most of the remaining pledges will be paid during the current year.

In addition to gifts made to the campaign, two bequests of $20,000 each were received, plus other gifts aggregating $5,000.

6. Improvements to Physical Plant

During the year the John Holt Rice Apartments were completed and occupied by 24 student families in September, 1954. These efficiency apartments have proven to be very comfortable and have made it possible for the students to concentrate on their Seminary work.

Melrose Hall, which had been used for some 30 years as a two-family faculty apartment, was converted during the summer into a dormitory for married couples. Each couple has a private bath. In some cases, there are separate bedrooms and studies; in other cases, a single large room serves both purposes. The cost of the conversion was $67,011.09, including new plumbing throughout and the addition of fire sprinklers.

These two buildings together added 39 to our capacity for housing married students. An equal amount of additional space could be used to advantage if it were available, as many of the married students still live in apartments rented in the city.

It was necessary during the year to replace the boilers in the central heating plant. This work cost $36,253.39. It has produced much more satisfactory heat in the early mornings than was possible with the old boilers.

Work was begun on the adaptation of Schauffler Hall as a classroom building. The main auditorium was enlarged by 45 seats. Work was also begun on the conversion of the basement area into an audio-visual center. The addition to the Library building has progressed rather slowly. A residence at 3503 Seminary Avenue was purchased for occupancy by the President-elect and his family.

We are happy to report that good progress is being made on the construction of the West Virginia building at Mission Court. This building will contain four efficiency apartments for couples and small families. It will not only meet a long-felt need, but will add to the life of the Seminary by the presence of more missionaries in our midst.

7. Recruiting for the Ministry

Because of the growing population of the South and because of the "Forward With Christ" program in our Church, it is quite likely that our Church will have in excess of a million members by sometime in the 1960's. Taking into account the 548 churches shown by the Assembly's Minutes to be without pastors and this great prospective growth in membership, it would appear that there would have to be a net addition in a five to eight-year period of some 910 new ministers who must be called and trained.

Union Seminary has been carrying on an active recruiting campaign both on the college and university campuses and through the Friends of the Seminary. In addition, we have annually held a Conference on Christian Vocation for college students. The emphasis of this Conference is upon Christian vocation in all fields of life work. Plans are at present being studied for enlarging this program. It is hoped that every minister and every member of the Church will continually bring before young people the great need for more ministers and the great opportunity for winning souls.

Respectfully submitted by order of the
Board of Trustees,

M. W. Norfleet, Jr., *Secretary*

VII. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN RELATIONS "UNITY IN THE CHURCH WITH DIVERSITY"

(Note: This report was not adopted. The General Assembly ordered that it be printed as information and for study.—Stated Clerk.)

Presbyterians are shocked at the divergent views and deep-seated tensions within our beloved Church. These tensions impair the effectiveness of its witness now and threaten its stability in the future if ways are not found to realize the Spirit of Christian unity which is our rightful heritage.

The eternal purpose of God for man was revealed to Paul as he wrote in his Epistle to the Ephesians: "to unite all things in Christ." (1:10) This unity, he indicates, is first to be realized in the Church and then made known through the Church to the world (3:10).

In the light of this purpose Paul writes in Ephesians 4:1-3: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (R.S.V.)

I. *Causes of Disunity*

Within our own branch of the Church differences have arisen threatening the unity for which Paul pleads.

1. A basic cause of this disunity is the diversity of opinion which exists among equally sincere and devoted disciples of Christ regarding the principles and methods of Biblical interpretation. Some, for example, hold that ministers of the Church are committed to a view of verbal inerrancy which others regard as foreign both to Scripture and the Confession of Faith. Some believe that the Bible must be studied according to the methods of historical scholarship, if we are to understand the revelation of God in Christ and so discover the will of God for our day. Others disapprove such methods fearing the Bible will be discredited as the inspired Word of God. Some interpret particular passages of the Scriptures literally and disagree with those who interpret them otherwise, according to the various literary forms (e.g. poetry, proverb and parable) which they believe are found therein. These latter hold that the former view tends toward a legalistic conception of the Scriptures contrary to the spirit of Christ.

2. A second basic cause of the current tensions in our Church is found in the different evaluations placed on specific theological doctrines. Some fear that if traditional statements of doctrines are rephrased essential truth of the Gospel is endangered. Others believe that this traditional terminology is not understood, in some cases at least, by many of our contemporaries and should be revised in the light of the Bible and set forth in terms readily understood by people today.

3. There are differences of opinion in our Church regarding the application of the Gospel to complex life situations of our time. Some are so concerned with the salvation of souls and the development of individual piety that social applications of the Gospel seem irrelevant, if not disruptive of the true mission of the Church. Others, recognizing the prime importance of the individual, hold that salvation is both individual and corporate and that the Church must seek to bring the whole of life under the royal dominion of Christ.

Some believe that ministers in their official capacity and the courts of the Church have no right to speak on any controversial public issue on which the membership of the Church is divided. Others, feeling that loyalty to Christ compels them to speak, are not willing to accept such restrictions on their utterances.

4. Strife has arisen over our cooperative relationships with other church bodies. A few years back there was bitter contention regarding the Federal Council of Churches. More recently the contention, milder in form, has been over our relationship with the National and the World Councils of Churches. This past year and for some years back there have been pronounced differences of opinion over the advisability of reunion with other Presbyterian bodies. Some believe that our Church has a distinctive witness to maintain which is threatened by too close a relationship with other bodies. Others feel that the teaching of the Bible and also the effectiveness of the Church's witness in a

world torn and endangered by its divisions require a much higher degree of unity than we have as yet attained. For the one type of Presbyterian, "ecumenicity" endangers the purity of the Church's witness; to the other, it is a requirement of their religious faith.

5. Still another cause of disunity is found in the widespread misunderstanding of the essential characteristics of the Presbyterian form of government. Some, for example, believe that within the Presbyterian system the congregation is the ultimate authority; and that it has the right if it so chooses to withdraw from the denomination together with its property. Others hold that the congregation as such cannot withdraw from the Presbyterian Church, and insist that the contrary view is congregationalism rather than Presbyterianism. Some believe that representatives of a particular church in a presbytery or synod and commissioners to the General Assembly are obligated to reflect the dominant point of view in the body which elects them; to others this is contrary to the Presbyterian system with its fundamental principles of representative church government and tends in addition to nullify the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is unfortunate that the differences of opinion which exist on these and other matters and the intense feelings engendered thereby have led some to suspect the Christian character or convictions of their fellow Christians; and that the hasty language of a few have created tensions which have disturbed the peace and obscured the unity of our Church and at times obscured the Gospel which we all hold in common.

II. *An Affirmation of Faith*

As Christians and as Presbyterians—

We believe in God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Tim. 3:16)

We believe that the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms contain the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that "as individuals and as a group, Christians are responsible for adjusting their thought and behavior to those everlasting principles of righteousness which God has revealed in Holy Scripture, especially in the Ten Commandmants and in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. It is no less their responsibility as citizens of their nation to seek as far as their influence may extend to bring national life and all the institutions of society into conformity to the moral government of God, and into harmony with the spirit of Jesus Christ."[1]

We agree that the law of love must govern our relationships with others; and that the Golden Rule must be employed in the proper application of this law.

We believe that the Presbyterian Church should cooperate with other evangelical churches and organizations in the proclamation and extension of the Gospel; that "there is one body and one Spirit . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6, R.S.V.)

III. *Achieving Christian Unity*

Recognizing our essential unity in Christ, the question inevitably arises, "How may we achieve a greater measure of that unity of the Spirit for which Paul pleads; and how may we manifest that unity to the world?" We suggest the following six topics for consideration:

1. *A Proper Understanding of Language*

Language should be recognized as a symbol of the idea which a person desires to convey to another. Words, therefore, can never fully transfer to one mind the thought of another. Nor will the use of a word convey the same picture to each member of a group of persons. Unless this fact is recognized, misunderstanding will occur, lending sometimes to suspicion and distrust. Countless devoted Christians have been unjustly criticized and condemned because their language was misunderstood. It happens sometimes that a line from a book or article will convince someone that the writer has "departed from the faith," when a thoughtful discussion with the writer, or further examination of his writings, or even a careful consideration of the context, would dispel any suspicion of his faithlessness to the Christian doctrines.

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[1] See *Minutes General Assembly*, 1953, p. 89.

If we are to grow in unity there must be a more careful effort to discover the real meaning of the language employed by those who hold, or who seem to hold, views differing from our own, and far more caution in judging both motives and belief.

2. *A Proper Understanding of the Bible*

Among Christians many controversies could be eliminated by a better understanding of what the Bible really is and how it is to be studied.

Neither the Bible nor the Confession of Faith defines the exact mode of inspiration. If God had chosen to give us the Scriptures in manuscripts and translations which agreed in all their verbal details, He could have done so. The fact that this did not happen does not lessen our assurance that the Scriptures are inspired and that they do bring us the Word of God in spite of the discrepancies in the documents to which we should not close our eyes.

The divine factor in revelation has not eliminated the human factors involved in its reception and transmission. The Bible cannot be fully understood, therefore, apart from a knowledge of the conditions under which it was written. Help secured from any source which throws light on contemporary history or on the authorship, purpose or mode of composition of any book in the Bible is to be heartily welcomed.

The Confession of Faith itself gives much help in the proper study of Scripture. Pertinent in this connection are sections VII, IX, and X of Chapter I:

> "All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed, for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.
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> "The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one) it may be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.
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> "The Supreme Judge, by whom all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture."

To inculcate a proper understanding of the Bible is, of course, the responsibility of those entrusted with the task of Christian education.

3. *A Proper Understanding of the Church*

If the unity of the Spirit is to prevail within the Church, there should be tolerance toward those who hold divergent points of view. There is always the temptation to discredit those who may disagree with us, and to doubt, if not deny that those who seriously disagree with us truly belong to the body of Christ. The New Testament church was a school of disciples, "learners," representing varying degrees of knowledge, education, intelligence, culture and maturity. So it should be in our day. Thus, it is important in working toward spiritual unity, to maintain an inclusive rather than an exclusive and sectarian conception of the Church.

The Presbyterian Church has taken precautions to insure that its official leadership is sound in the faith. Ministers, elders and deacons are all required to accept the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of the Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scripture. The courts to which the officers are subject determine what is requisite for acceptance of the system as a whole. If any minister, or elder, or deacon prove unfaithful to his ordination vow, a remedy is provided in our Form of Government and Rules of Discipline. If such cases arise charges are to be laid before the responsible Church court, where the accused will be given an opportunity to defend himself and where the Church itself can take any necessary action for the protection and defense of the Gospel. If charges of this nature are publicized without being laid before a court, they are in effect irresponsible charges against which there is no adequate defense; and they endanger rather than promote the peace and purity of the Church.

Presbyterian courts, it should be recalled, "can make no laws binding the conscience; but may frame symbols of faith, bear testimony against error in doctrine and immorality in practice, within or without the pale of the Church, and decide cases of conscience."

(Chapter XIII, Par. 58, Book of Church Order) In such cases, the court must seek to express the mind of Christ whether or not it coincides with the present mind of its constituency. Members of the Church and the lower courts should weigh such judgments of the higher courts and reach their own decisions in the light of God's Word and the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

Ministers of the Church, likewise, must deliver the message that comes to them from God's Word, or find that God's Spirit has been withdrawn from them. As preachers of God's Word they are responsible for the message which they proclaim, neither to the congregation which has called them, nor to its session, but to the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly (Book of Church Order, Chapter XV, Paragraph 76) and ultimately to the Lord who will finally judge them.

As noted earlier there is widespread misunderstanding regarding our Presbyterian system of government. It should be clearly understood by all that according to Presbyterian Law, as reconfirmed recently by the General Assembly and as interpreted again and again by the civil courts, a congregation's property is owned and controlled by the congregation itself, but no member of a congregation and no aggregate of members can withdraw from a congregation and retain any equity in the property; the congregation which owns and controls the property is the group, large or small, which remains within the denomination of which it is a constitutional part.

It should also be understood that in the Presbyterian system members of a presbytery or synod and commissioners to the General Assembly cannot be instructed how to vote. They are expected rather to cast their ballot according to their own best judgment, after due deliberation with their fellows and in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, whose guidance the Court has invoked in prayer.

4. *Use of Proven Methods in Group Action*

How can groups differing in their understanding of issues confronting the Church resolve their differences or agree finally to disagree without loss of mutual respect? Fortunately, certain procedures in group discussions have been found helpful.

Both sides of the question, for example, must be fully and fairly presented and considered. All who choose to do so must be permitted to join in the discussion.

The sincerity of each disputant must be conceded. Motives are not to be impugned.

Facts must come *first.* Our responsibility as Christians is to discover the facts and to form our opinions and govern our actions accordingly.

Everyone must try faithfully to understand and be careful not to misrepresent his opponent's point of view. This can be done successfully only when one definitely attempts to put himself in the other's place.

All must desire to discover God's will in the matter, and acknowledge and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The will of the majority is to be accepted in good faith.

Differences of opinion on any level of the Church's life need not prove disruptive and will not if full use be made of proven democratic, Christian techniques for resolving controversial issues.

5. *Obedience to the Law of Love*

The unity of the Spirit cannot be achieved without the exercise of that love which "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things . . ." (I Cor. 13:7). As Paul writes again in his Letter to the Ephesians: "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body . . . makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love." (4:15, 16, R.S.V.)

Paul's words accord with those of Christ. "A new commandment I give to you," He said on the eve of His crucifixion, "that you love one another; even as I have loved you." (John 13:34, R.S.V.) And again, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35, R.S.V.)

6. *Obedience to the Great Commission*

The unity of the Spirit will be achieved finally as we give ourselves with new zeal and consecration to the great task to which our Master ever summons us—the task of winning men to Christ, the task of teaching them to observe all things that He has commanded us. (Matthew 28:19-20)

To this task let us now give ourselves—lovingly and unitedly.

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Assembly adopt the report of the Council of Christian Relations entitled: "Unity In the Church With Diversity" and urge that it be widely read and studied throughout the Church.

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VIII. STANDING RULES

1. ORGANIZATION

(1) The normal date for the annual meeting of the General Assembly shall be the last Thursday in April. The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly will select the place of meeting after opportunity has been given to those who wish to extend invitations. The Permanent Committee shall select places in different parts of the Church from time to time when circumstances seem to warrant it. In the event of an emergency which prevents the meeting at the place selected, the Moderator shall designate a place of meeting.

(2) The General Assembly shall be self-entertaining.

(3) The Assembly shall be opened with a sermon preached by the retiring Moderator. The Lord's Supper will be observed after the sermon at 11 o'clock a.m. Sunday.

(4) After the reading by the Stated Clerk of the roll of the commissioners present and enrolled by him, a Moderator shall be elected. Nominations for Moderator shall be received but only one speech not exceeding ten minutes in length nominating a commissioner for Moderator shall be made; and only one speech seconding a nomination not exceeding five minutes in length shall be made.

(5) After all nominations have been made and seconded, the Assembly shall proceed to the election of a Moderator in the following manner: If more than one commissioner is nominated, the election shall be by ballot. The Stated Clerk shall have suitable blank ballots prepared and cause same to be distributed among the commissioners for use in the election. The Stated Clerk shall appoint two tellers to count and tabulate the vote and report the tabulation to him. The ballots of the enrolled commissioners shall be collected and delivered to the tellers by commissioners appointed by the presiding officer for such purpose. If there are more than two nominees and no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be called; but all of the nominees except the two receiving the largest number of votes shall be dropped on the second ballot. An election shall be declared by the Moderator when a nominee shall have received a majority of the votes cast by the commissioners present and voting. As soon as the Moderator shall have been elected, he shall assume his duties as Moderator.

(6) In the election of the Moderator the tellers shall retire to an anteroom and count the ballots, bringing back the results to the Assembly.

2. THE MODERATOR

(1) The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Assembly except when he may temporarily invite a commissioner to act as Presiding Officer; he shall appoint all committees unless the Assembly otherwise prescribes; he shall call the succeeding

Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator is elected as provided by the rules in the Book of Church Order.

(2) The Moderator shall appoint five assistants, whose duty it shall be (a) to assist the Moderator in preserving decorum in the Assembly and adjoining halls; (b) to distribute reports of standing committees; (c) to cooperate in any other manner requested by the Moderator.

(3) The General Assembly recognizes the value of ad interim service by the Moderator and approves his undertaking of one or more itineraries which shall bring him before representative ecclesiastical gatherings in various parts of the church.

(4) Where feasible, the local church, or other employing agency, is requested to grant the Moderator a leave, or leaves, of absence aggregating not more than two months for such itinerating service. The General Assembly shall provide funds to defray expenses as follows: (a) Travel and entertainment on such itineraries. (b) The necessary compensation for a substitute, or substitutes, to carry on the regular duties of the Moderator's normal task, the maximum of such compensation to be at the rate of $600 per month.

(5) All invitations and arrangements relating to such itineraries shall be made through the Office of the General Assembly to the end that the Moderator's time be not dissipated, but that it may be devoted economically to the best interests of the church-at-large.

3. STATED CLERK

(1) The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The election shall be the first order on the morning of the second day of the Assembly. The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly is allowed to nominate the Stated Clerk to the General Assembly with the understanding that further nominations are always in order and that this arrangement will take effect only after the vacating of the position of Stated Clerk by the present incumbent. He shall perform all the duties required of him by the Book of Church Order and by the Standing Rules of the Assembly and such other duties as may be imposed on him by the Assembly.

The General Assembly in 1955 abolished the office of Assistant Stated Clerk and the Stated Clerk was given the privilege of nominating to the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for its approval an Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

(a) The Stated Clerk shall list all communications and present them in an orderly manner, suggesting the proper reference and, when necessary, suggesting the time for the consideration of each communication.

(b) As Stated Clerk, he shall keep the minutes of the Assembly, and be custodian of all books, papers and documents of the Assembly, and prepare and supervise the printing of the minutes and distribution of the minutes and documents required to be printed and distributed.

(c) He shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Assembly and shall receive all funds. He shall pay out funds only on order of the Assembly. He shall make full statement of receipts and disbursements annually to the Assembly. He shall also serve as Treasurer of the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies.

(d) He shall serve on the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, conducting the work in accordance with the action of the Assembly on this subject. He shall also be ex-officio member of the Permanent Judicial Committee.

(2) The salary of the Stated Clerk shall be determined by the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. The same rule applies to the Assistant to the Stated Clerk and all other staff members.

(3) In event the office of Stated Clerk becomes vacated for any reason, the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall nominate to the Moderator a person to serve as Acting Stated Clerk, and after consideration of such nomination, the Moderator shall appoint an Acting Stated Clerk to perform the duties of the Stated Clerk until his successor has been elected and qualified to serve.

4. BLUE BOOK

(1) All reports of permanent committees except reports printed by the various agencies, all ad interim committees and special committees and all reports of outside

organizations which make an annual report to the Assembly shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly by April 1, and all overtures by April 1 in each year; provided further, no overture received by such Stated Clerk after May 15th shall be referred to or considered by such meeting of the General Assembly convening in June of that year.

(2) The Stated Clerk shall print in the Blue Book the reports of all permanent committees, except those submitting printed reports, all ad interim committees and reports of such outside bodies as make an annual report, and select committees. He shall also print the overtures, having previously classified and numbered them for presentation to the Assembly. He shall also print a full and complete docket in the Blue Book, which shall be the docket for the Assembly each year.

(3) The Stated Clerk shall prepare a manual for the benefit of new commissioners, particularly laymen, to be printed in the Blue Book. It shall include sections on (a) how the Assembly operates; (b) the most used parliamentary rules; (c) the duties and responsibilities of each standing committee; (d) hints and comments that will be helpful.

5. STANDING COMMITTES

(1) The number of standing committees shall be limited as follows: Bills and Overtures; Judicial Business; Office of the General Assembly; General Council; World Missions; Church Extension; Christian Education; Annuities and Relief; Women's Work; Interchurch Relations; Christian Relations; and Minister and His Work.

(2) The planned docket for Friday and Saturday mornings—a total of eight hours—shall be set aside for the meetings of the Standing Committees.

(3) The Standing Committees shall be named in the following manner:

Prior to the meeting of the General Assembly the Stated Clerk shall conduct a drawing through which each commissioner shall be placed on a standing committee in as fair and equitable manner as possible. The mechanics of the operation shall be as follows:

(a) When the commissioner is elected by the presbytery, he shall fill in a printed 3 x 5 card, showing his first, second, third and fourth choices among the standing committees. (Alternates will have to accept the choice of their predecessors if the drawings have been completed.)

(b) The card shall be given to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. (The commissioner is thus given several months in which he may study the work of his prefered committees.)

(c) Six weeks (four weeks deadline) before the General Assembly meets, the clerk of the Presbytery shall verify the correctness of the cards and mail them to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

(d) Three weeks before the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall conduct a drawing. The total number of commissioners shall be divided by the number of committees to ascertain the number of men who will serve on each. As each name is drawn, the sequence number shall be written on a card, and the card placed in the first choice shown. When the quota is reached for any committee, the second choice on the card drawn will dictate the particular committee. If the quota for the second choice is filled, then the card shall be placed with the third choice of the particular commissioner and so on.

(e) No more than one minister and one layman from a presbytery shall be placed on a particular committee; if such occurs in the drawing the next choice shown on the card shall be honored.

(f) The drawing shall provide for equal lay and ministerial membership on the committees.

(g) The last cards drawn shall be used to fill in the quotas of the unfilled committees. The nearest quotas shall be filled first.

(h) Two weeks before the General Assembly meets, the Stated Clerk shall mail the cards back to the individual commissioners. The cards will show the sequence number in the drawing and the committee to which he is assigned.

(i) Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the retiring Moderator.

(4) No partial report from a standing committee, except from the Committees on Judicial Business and Inter-Church Relations, shall be received by the Assembly without the consent of the Assembly. All reports of committees shall be typewritten in three copies by the Assembly's stenographers; and proofread by the chairman of the committee reporting. The duties of the chairman of a committee shall not be completed until he has edited carefully his committee's report, after it is typewritten, for errors in phraseology and grammar, and shall have filed the required number of copies of the report with the Stated Clerk. The chairman of each committee shall also, after the Assembly shall have acted on the report presented by him, incorporate therein at the proper place each amendment made by the Assembly to the report.

(5) The report of a standing committee to the Assembly shall be as brief and concise as the recommendations of a committee will permit. The report shall contain a brief preamble of the questions acted on by the committee and the conclusions and recommendations of the committee. Extracts and quotations from reports of an executive committee, a permanent committee, or an ad interim committee shall be avoided except when required to make the report intelligible. Overtures shall be answered by reference to the number of the overture and a brief statement of its substance.

(6) The policy of the Assembly shall be to have official representatives of its agencies present during all Standing Committee meetings for consultative purposes, except at those times when in the judgment of the committees an "executive session" is demanded; to that end the agencies of the Assembly are instructed to have, in addition to the executives, at least one official representative present for such meetings with the committees from among the members of the boards and agencies. (1952, p. 96)

6. Budget and Authorized Expenditures

(1) The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall make an estimate of the probable expenses of the Assembly based upon an estimated budget of expenses submitted by the Treasurer and recommend per capita dues to cover the same.

(2) All requests or recommendations for appropriation for expenses of any organization or council which shall come to the Assembly shall be placed in the hands of this committee. It shall make full report, recommending in detail the items for which funds are requested, which report, if adopted, the items recommended shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Assembly. A recommendation that the budget of estimated expenses submitted by the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be adopted shall carry the authority for payment of the items in said report.

(3) The audits of all boards, divisions and permanent committees, trustees and treasurer of the Assembly shall be submitted to the standing committee on this cause for approval. All proposed standing rules or changes in standing rules shall be submitted to this committee for approval before adoption by the Assembly.

The Treasurer shall pay annually without any further special orders from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly:

(a) The expenses of the chairman of an ad interim or permanent committee in attending the Assembly shall be paid by the Assembly when the committee of which he is chairman vote that the report is of sufficient importance as to require the attendance of the chairman and when the committee shall so notify the Stated Clerk.

(b) The expenses of our representatives to the National Council of Churches (General Board and General Assembly), World Council of Churches, and World Presbyterian Alliance. The Treasurer is directed to set aside each year the amount of $2,000 for the payment of these expenses. This fund shall be cumulative.

(c) The designated funds embraced within the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies.

7. Overtures

(1) The Stated Clerk shall pass on routine overtures received by him as a matter of course. Any overtures affecting ecclesiastical rules and policy should be referred by him to the Permanent Judicial Committee prior to the meeting of the Assembly in order that the Permanent Judicial Committee may give to the standing committee

considering the overtures its judgment concerning the background in polity and rules of the church with which the overtures may be concerned.

(2) Under each overture printed in the Blue Book the name of the standing committee to which it is referred as recommended by the Stated Clerk shall be published. If there is no objection, they shall be referred as a whole, as recommended, without formal vote on the part of the General Assembly.

(3) No overture will be considered by the Assembly until it has first been presented to a presbytery or a synod. If the overture is approved by a presbytery or a synod it will then come before the Assembly as an overture from that presbytery or synod. If the overture is rejected by the presbytery or the synod, it may then be presented to the Assembly, but the fact that it has been presented to a presbytery or a synod must be clearly stated on the overture.

See also Standing Rule 4 (1).

8. Listing and Referring Reports

(1) In like manner he shall list and present without reading all reports of permanent committees (except those presenting printed reports), ad interim and special committees (all of which are printed in full in the Blue Book), which shall be referred to proper standing committees or disposed of immediately as the Assembly may elect. In case these reports are to be considered directly by the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall suggest a time on the docket when each report shall be considered.

(2) If the chairman or representative of a permanent, ad interim or special committee wishes to be heard in connection with the report, such privilege shall be limited to a statement not to exceed five minutes, and in no case shall a report which is in printed form be read in full.

(3) Secretaries of boards, divisions and others with printed reports shall present these reports directly to their respective standing committees.

(4) The annual statistical reports from the presbyteries shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk on or before February 15 of each year. The annual reports of the boards, and permanent committees shall all be bound together in a separate pamphlet for distribution, together with such other reports which the General Assembly may order to be bound with the annual reports. Synopses of these reports shall be omitted from the Appendix to the printed copy of the Minutes of the Assembly.

9. Meetings of the Assembly

(1) The Stated Clerk shall have charge of all arrangements for the meeting and entertainment of the Assembly. He shall secure, if possible, special railroad rates and accommodations and supervise all other matters for the comfort and convenience of the commissioners.

(See also Rule 1.)

10. Commissioners

(1) Items to be included in the expenses of the commissioners as chargeable to the Assembly shall be:

a. The lowest railroad fare by direct route.

b. Pullman fare.

c. Cost of meals en route.

d. Taxi fare and other incidental transportation.

e. Auto travel at four cents per mile by direct route for driver; commissioners who are passengers in car driven by another commisisoner, 1 cent per mile.

f. Air travel at cost for distances of 400 miles or over.

(2) Presbyteries are requested to consider the advisability of electing lay commissioners for a term of two years; one-half of the commissioners to be elected each year, preferably at the fall meeting.

(3) Expense checks shall be paid to the commissioners only after attending the General Assembly through the adjournment of the concluding session. Any exception to this rule must be in the nature of an emergency, and the commissioner requesting

an exception must present the case for his excuse to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly or its designated agent in such matters for ratification and consent.

11. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(1) The Program Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Moderator of the preceding Assembly, the Stated Clerk, and in the event the Assembly meets in a church, the pastor of the church entertaining the Assembly. This committee shall act as a Steering Committee and shall present to the Assembly each morning an order of procedure for the day.

(2) The Program Committee shall prepare a tentative docket for the General Assembly embracing all the business expected to come before the Assembly, and including all popular and inspirational features. All requests for addresses before the General Assembly shall be presented first to this committee.

(3) The Program Committee shall act as a steering committee for the Assembly and recommend necessary changes in the docket as the need arises. As far as possible all requested changes in the docket shall be presented to the Assembly through the Program Committee. Recommendations for such changes shall ordinarily be presented by the Program Committee at the beginning of the morning or afternoon sessions.

(4) The docket shall be planned by the Program Committee for a period of from three and a half to four days, excluding Sunday.

(5) The planned docket for each day shall be limited to four hours in the morning; fours hours in the afternoon, and one and one-half hours in the evening, a total of nine and one-half hours.

(6) All inspirational features or addresses shall be placed on the evening program (excepting on Sunday), and the daytime be devoted entirely to business.

(7) The Assembly, having for its chief business the consideration of the interests that are vital to its own growth and development, instructs its Program Committee not to arrange for more than one speaker for each outside body which desires to be heard on any matter not vital to full and correct understanding of its own business and its relation to these bodies.

The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this action to all persons and bodies outside the Assembly who may make request for time to present their interests.

12. PRINTED MINUTES

(1) The official minutes of a court are the original minutes prepared by the Temporary Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, adopted by the court and signed by the Stated Clerk. If the Stated Clerk, before signing the original minutes discovers that the copy of these original minutes prepared by the Temporary or Assistant Clerk in typewritten or written form for use of the Stated Clerk in printing the minutes is incorrect by reason of any clerical oversight or typographical error, he shall be authorized to make such corrections as shall make the typewritten or written copy correspond in all respects with the original minutes or notes from which such typewritten or written form was prepared.

Further, if it be discovered that in the printed copy of the minutes there are certain typographical errors which make the printed minutes of the court vary from the original minutes adopted by the court and signed by the Stated Clerk; the Stated Clerk shall give official notice through the press or through the court concerned of the typographical errors, which notice shall be sufficient authority for those possessing copies of the printed minutes to make the printed copy correspond with the original minutes.

(2) The Stated Clerk is authorized to revise the phraseology of all papers adopted by the General Assembly and to make corrections in the spelling of proper names, initials, the totals of figures and other minor changes, provided that in no case shall he so change the phraseology as to alter the meaning. The minutes, as finally approved by the General Assembly, shall in no case be altered or changed by the Stated Clerk.

(3) The Stated Clerk is authorized in printing the various reports of our seminaries, for the sake of economy, to leave out the less essential matter, and to print only the heart and substance of each report.

(4) The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of the Minutes to each minister, licentiate and to the rising seniors and graduates of our theological seminaries, to the ruling elder commissioners who attend the Assembly, to the foreign missionaries whose membership is in foreign presbyteries, to all the members of the General Council, to all the Trustees of the General Assembly, to the Libraries of all our Church colleges, and to the stated clerk of each presbytery and synod.

(5) The Stated Clerk is directed to print the statistical reports, roll of churches, roll of ministers, etc., in a separate volume and distribute it as soon as possible after the close of the year. The Minutes, or proceedings, of the General Assembly will be printed and distributed as soon as possible after adjournment. The purpose of this procedure is to make the statistics available several months earlier than would be possible if they are held until the proceedings of the Assembly are distributed.

13. General Provisions

(1) Limitation of Debate

In the consideration of any question before the Assembly, no commissioner shall speak more than once on the question until all others who desire to speak on the question have been given an opportunity to speak. Each recommendation in a committee's report shall be considered a separate question. The chairman or the member of a committee presenting a report shall have the right to speak when presenting a report, to answer interrogations addressed to him by consent of the Moderator and to conclude the debate on the pending question.

Except when the Assembly shall order otherwise, a time limit of ten minutes shall be allowed each speaker; a time limit of one hour for each side in debate.

(2) Introduction of New Matter

No motion or resolution introducing new matters not already before the various committees shall be in order later than the afternoon session of Monday, except by special permission, and all such motions and resolutions introduced prior to that time are to be referred to the appropriate committees. This is not to be interpreted as infringing upon the right to make amendments or substitutions to any report brought to the floor of the Assembly after that time.

(3) Special Financial Appeals

All Assembly agencies shall ordinarily submit to the Budget Committee of the General Council all requests that contemplate special appeals for contributions from the churches, so that the Budget Committee can study each financial responsibility in the light of the whole program and make recommendation to the Assembly. (See also "Plans for Education and Promotion," below.)

(4) Ad Interim Committees

The following rules shall govern the appointment of ad interim committees:

(a) Each overture or resolution requesting the appointment of an ad interim committee shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee.

(b) The standing committee shall recommend to the Assembly: First, whether an ad interim committee is needed; and, second, if needed, the naming of an existing agency which shall be instructed to make careful study of the question and report to the next Assembly. If it appears that the matter requires the appointment of a selected ad interim committee, the standing committee should so recommend.

(5) Permanent Committees

Members of permanent committees shall be nominated and elected in keeping with the plan adopted in recommendation 7 on Re-organization of the Assembly's Agencies. (Refer to Minutes of the General Assembly for 1949, Page 135.) Members of permanent committees shall be elected for terms of three years, eligible to succeed themselves for a third term of three years, but not eligible for further re-election until the lapse of one year. (See recommendation 3, minutes for 1949, page 134.)

(6) Plans for Education and Promotion

All Assembly agencies shall submit to the Budget Committee of the General Council for its approval all plans for education and all plans for the promotion of special

appeals for funds, in order that these plans and appeals may be properly harmonized and made to conform to the orders and directions of the General Assembly. The right to appeal to the General Council from any action or decision of the Budget Committee shall be allowed.

(7) Per Capita Tax

The General Assembly shall fix a per capita tax which will enable the Treasurer to maintain a maximum balance of $12,500.00, and a minimum balance of $7,500.00. When the maximum has been reached the tax is to be reduced. When the balance has been brought to the minimum the tax shall be raised. See also 6(1).

(8) Standing Rules

These rules shall be Standing Rules and govern the procedure of each Assembly until amended or repealed. No rule shall be amended or repealed except by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the commissioners present and voting.

IX. PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The General Assembly shall appoint a Permanent Judicial Committee consisting of nine members, at least five of whom shall be ministers. Members shall be elected to serve terms of three years. No person shall be eligible for service on this committee for more than two terms in succession. All vacancies shall be filled by the General Assembly for three-year terms, except that in the case of vacancies occurring between sessions of the Assembly, they shall be filled by appointment of the Moderator of the Assembly for the unexpired terms. Four of the nine members may be ruling elders, and the nine shall represent not fewer than three synods.

2. The General Assembly shall refer to this committee for consideration and report all judicial cases coming before that body by appeal, complaint or otherwise, in the following manner: within sixty days after the adjournment of the court from which the case is taken to the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the Assembly shall place in the hands of the chairman of the said Permanent Judicial Committee the complete records of the case, or a certified copy thereof for the use of the committee.

3. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall transmit to the chairman of said committee, as soon as received, copies of all overtures to the approaching Assembly touching constitutional questions or affecting changes in the Book of Church Order, for advice. That portion of the committee's report containing these advices shall be placed in the hands of the standing committees on Bills and Overtures and Judicial Business, along with the overtures.

4. The committee shall file its report by the first day of the Assembly. This report shall present to the Assembly the law at issue, or affected by all the matters referred to, together with such references as will aid and expedite a careful review of the whole matter by those charged therewith; and it may add such suggestions as, in the judgment of the committee, will assist the Assembly or its agents to arrive at just and lawful decisions.

5. This committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and its necessary expenses shall be provided for by the General Assembly.

6. This committee may from time to time submit to the General Assembly for its approval such rules or procedures governing the trial and conduct of cases as would appear expedient to the end in view.

7. Any individual, group or court within the church seeking information on church rules or procedure may submit inquiries to the Stated Clerk who may transmit them to the Permanent Judicial Committee if he deem it necessary or desirable.

8. The Stated Clerk of the Assembly shall be an ex officio member of this committee, but without the power to vote.

X. INSTRUCTIONS TO STATED CLERKS

REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERIES

The General Assembly instructs the stated clerks of presbyteries as follows:

1. Secure from the Division of Publication, Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Va., the latest forms of blanks. It is a good idea to order just enough for one year, allowing a few extras for churches which may lose the set sent them. The Assembly makes frequent changes in the blanks.

2. Make the report in clear, distinct writing, especially the columns of names and figures in the Statistical Tables. Omit all fractions of a dollar in the money columns. If it is $10.45 or less, enter $10.00; if $10.55 or more, enter $11.00. Add *all* columns, if possible, on adding machines. Proofread the adding machine work before mailing. Attach adding machine slips to the report. Make the vowels in the names of ministers, churches and postoffices very distinct. Printers have much difficulty with vowels which look very much alike.

3. When a church does not make a report, enter the postoffice, number of ruling elders, deacons, and members from their last report.

4. When a stated clerk of presbytery is ready to make out his statistical report to the General Assembly he is requested to study the report of his presbytery in the Minutes of the General Assembly for the preceding year. All of the statistical reports are uniform in arrangement and each stated clerk should use the report of his presbytery in Assembly Minutes as a pattern.

5. Fill out the blank, giving alphabetical list of ministers, licentiates, with postoffice and occupation, and number of candidates, the first thing after the adjournment of the January meeting of presbytery. The Stated Clerk of the Assembly must have this list to perfect the alphabetical list for the Minutes.

6. Mail to the Stated Clerk, Rev. E. C. Scott, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga., all reports from the presbytery just as soon as they are prepared. The Standing Rule requires that all these reports shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk by February 15.

7. Mail overtures and other official communications, including a list of commissioners, at earliest possible date; otherwise, the printing of the Blue Book will be delayed. Send each overture upon a separate sheet of paper, written only on one side, duly signed by the Stated Clerk. (Read also Standing Rules 4(1) and 7, found on Pages 171, 173.)

8. Notify promptly the Stated Clerk of the Assembly when a change is made in the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

9. Notify the Stated Clerk of the Assembly on cards supplied by him of the reception and dismission of ministers within forty-eight hours after the meeting of presbytery.

10. Stated clerks of presbyteries are instructed to send sessional statistical reports, along with presbytery's statistical report, to the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

REPORTS FROM SYNOD

The General Assembly hereby instructs the stated clerks of synods as follows:

(1) Notify the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly before the meeting of each Assembly of the formation or dissolution of presbyteries within the bounds of their respective synods; (2) of the times and places of the next meeting of these bodies; (3) of any changes which may be made in the stated clerk of synod. *These three things* should be attended to immediately on the adjournment of synod. A *marked* copy of the printed minutes is not an official notification. An official letter should be written covering the items mentioned above.

XI. FORMS OF BEQUESTS

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly and Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Inc._____

(here insert the estate devised and bequeathed) for the use and benefit of said Church."

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia) (here name the amount of the bequest), to be used for the publication work of said Church."

"I give and bequeath to the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee) (here name the amount of the bequest) to be used for the Foreign Mission work of said Church."

"I devise and bequeath to the Board of Annuities and Relief of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of.....dollars for the cause of Ministerial Relief."

"I devise and bequeath to the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of $.....to aid candidates of said Church in preparation for the gospel ministry."

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia) (here name the bequest) to be used for the Home Mission division of said Church."

XII. PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity of divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, First, That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions and decisions as to promote His own glory and to advance the kingdom of Jesus on earth.

Resolved, Second, That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

(Minutes of General Assembly, 1863, p. 133.)

SUPPLEMENTAL
ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

(The following list represents changes in the addresses of ministers that have taken place since the publication of Part II of the Minutes. It also includes men who have been ordained or received from other denominations. For complete alphabetical list of ministers and licentiates see Part II of the Minutes, page 205.)

Name	Occupation	Street Address	Postoffice
Adkins, J. Earl, Th.M.	P.	514 Boulevard Road	Sumter, S. C.
Albright, C. S.	Stu.	3401 Brook Road	Richmond 27, Va.
Anderson, James W.	P.		Benton, La.
Andrade, Ismael	P.	614 Center St.	Central City, Ky.
Ash, A. L.	P.	Box 9002	Metairie, La.
Aughinbaugh, Wayne	P.	Route 5, Box 620	Charleston, S. C.
Bayne, L. A.	S.S.	Box 269	Okolona, Miss.
Beaty, Walter K.	P.	Westminster Church	Florence, S. C.
Bennett, Walter A.	P.	8200 Devonshire	Dallas 9, Texas
Blair, Peter A.	P.		Stockton, Ala.
Boyce, Wm. M., Jr.	P.	2232 Bay Street	Charlotte 5, N. C.
Bremer, Fred L.	P	R.F.D.	Anderson, S. C.
Brooke, F. J., Jr., D.D.	P.Em.	608 Boissevain Ave.	Norfolk 7, Va.
Caldwell, James D.	Ev.	4831 Simpson	Groves, Texas
Campbell, Donald A.	P.	Box 18	Burkeville, Va.
Carter, Frank C.	P.		Lees Summit, Mo.
Carty, W. D.			Hughes, Ark.
Chalmers, W. P.	Inf.	2238 Walter Ave.	Jacksonville 10, Fla.
Chase, Douglas C.	A.P.	Second and Broadway	Louisville, Ky.
Childress, Bryan	P.	Bethesda Church	Dug Spur, Va.
Childs, W. Hobart, Th.M., S.T.M.	T.	711 Lincoln St.	Savannah, Ga.
Clark, Boswell C.	P.		Radford, Va.
Clary, E. G., Jr.	P.	Covenant Church	Spartanburg, S. C.
Cooley, George M.	S.S.	504 Jefferson St.	Lexington, Va.
Coon, E. L., Jr.	P.	1101 Pile St.	Clovis, New Mex.
Correu, Lawrence M.	P.	1115 Birdsall	Houston 7, Tex.
Coulter, Richard E.	P.	1008 Porter St.	Richmond 24, Va.
Crow, Conrad Gilbert	Assoc.P.	1001 Cherokee Road	Louisville 4, Ky.
Dealey, W. A.	Stu.	64 Homer St.	Newton Centre 60, Mass.
Dendy, Marshall B.	P.		Reidville, S. C.
Dickenson, James F.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Fairmont, N. C.
Dodds, Richard A.	P.		East Belmont, N. C.
Downey, Earl C.	USA Ch.	8530 125th St.	South Miami 43, Fla.
Dunaway, Dan	P.	Box 226	Rockmart, Ga.
Dunlap, J. Witherspoon	P.		Darlington, S. C.
Ehlers, Emmett A.	P.	Westminster Church	Pensacola, Fla.
Elrod, Clarence C.	P.	414 Barrow	Houma, La.
Faison, George T.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Osecola, Ark.
Fishbeck, Glen H.	USA Ch.	3402 N. 17th St.	Philadelphia, Penn.
Fletcher, Luther D.	Chap.	Wing Chaplain's Office, Moody AFB	Valdosta, Ga.
Fletcher, William W.	P.		Woodbury, Tenn.
Floyd, C. D.	P.	Oakland Ave. Church	Columbia, S. C.
Fogleman, William	Regl. D.C.E.	2101 Broadway	Little Rock, Ark.
Folta, John Wesley	S.S.	(F.M. Appointee to Korea)	Belle Haven, Va.
Gilbert, Lawrence E.	Chap.	Texas Prison System	Otey, Texas
Goldsmith, Dan E., Th.M.	P.Ex.S., S.C.	Box 66	Mt. Pleasant, Texas
Goodpasture, H. McK.	Asst. to Pres.	3401 Brook Road,	Richmond 27, Va.
Gordon, Graham	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	Richmond, Ky.
Gregg, Alva M., Th.M., Th.D.	P.	116 Ridgewood Ave.	Fairfield, Ala.
Guerrero, C. S.	P.	1209 E. 8th St.	Austin, Texas
Gwaltney, Leroy P.	P.		Laddonia, Mo.
Hager, Richard E.	Chap.	% Post Chaplain	Fort Knox, Ky.
Hall, Thos. O.	P.	Route 1	Indian Valley, Va.
Hanks, Paul L.	P.		Jefferson, S. C.
Hanson, Ray Randall, Jr.	P.	West Hopewell Church	Hopewell, Va.
Hardin, James H.,		Dismissed to Christian Church	
Harper, Curtis P., Jr.	Chap.	USS CASTOR (AKS-1) %FPO	San Francisco, Calif.
Harvey, Collier S.	P.	Oak Grove Church	Hillsboro, W. Va.
Hay, Lewis Scott	T.	Presbyterian College	Clinton, S. C.
Henry, O. G.	Syn.D.C.E.	P.O. Box 857	Jackson, Tenn.
Hicks, Roy W.	P.		Gurdon, Ark.
Hoffman, Paul W.	A.P.		Hopewell, Va.
Hollis JoeEd	M.E.	First Church	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Holmes, Robert Moody	S.C.,P.	413 Battery Ave.	Selma, Ala.
Hoy, W. Ivan, S.T.M., Ph.D.	Prof.	7500 S.W. 59th Court	South Miami 43, Fla.
Hunt, E. C.	S.S.	Riverside Church	St. Joseph, Mo.
Hunter, George H. V.	P.		Dunn, N. C.
Hutcheson, Richard G., Jr.	Chap.	Naval Station	Norfolk, Va.
Ingram, G. William	P.		Northfork, W. Va.
Inman, Robert F.	P.	Box 429	Marion, Ky.
Jones, Jas. A., Th.M., D.D., LL.D.	Pres. Elect.	3503 Seminary Ave.	Richmond, Va.
Jones, Thomas Laird	P.	237 Carey	Buechel, Ky.
Keller, W. Chester, Th.M.	P.	5217 Park Ave.	Memphis 17, Tenn.
Kennedy, J. Whitner	Ev.	415 Lucerne Drive	Spartanburg, S. C.
Kennedy, William B.	Stu.	74 Church Street	West Haven, Conn.
King, W. T.	P.		Bethune, S. C.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES—Continued

Name	Occupation	Street Address	Postoffice
Kirckhoff, J. G.	Inf.	2208 East 8th St.	Charlotte 4, N. C.
Koehler, Malcolm B.	P.,S.C.	105 Neely's Bend Road	Madison, Tenn.
Krieg, Wm. B., Jr.	P.		Plain Dealing, La.
Landry, Oscar F.	P.	Route 3	Livingston, Texas
Lilly, Edward G., Th.M., D.D.	P.	First Church	Hartsville, S. C.
Longenecker, Hershey	P.		Micaville, N. C.
Magee, John M.	P.	2270 Norris Road, Extended	Memphis 6, Tenn.
Marquis, William H.	P.		Hazelwood, N. C.
Massey, Robert A. (Col.)	P.	General Delivery	Fayetteville, N. C.
Mayes, Francis B.	A.P.	First Church	Columbia, S. C.
Mays, James L.	T.	3401 Brook Road	Richmond 27, Va.
McDonald, Royce K., Th.M.	P.	Enslow Park Church	Huntington, W. Va.
McKee, Archie G.	P.	208 Kirkwood Ave.	Lenoir, N. C.
McKinney, Thomas W.		(dismissed to Assoc. of Independent Evangelicals)	
McLane, S. Brooks, D.D.	H.R.	39 Westminster Encampment	Kerrville, Texas
McNutt, Charles W., Th.M.	P.	McKinnon Mem'l. Church	Charleston, W. Va.
Merrell, Robert E.	P.		Wade, N. C.
Merrin, James F.	Sec.Ch.Ext.		South Boston, Va.
Miller, G. Fenton	P.		Pawley's Island, S. C.
Miller, Herbert A.	Asso.P.	5300 S. Main St.	Houston 4, Texas
Miller, Maynard M.	P.	714 West Grand Ave.	Hot Springs, Ark.
Miller, Patrick D., Th.M., D.D.	Exec.Sec.	341-B Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.	Atlanta 5, Ga.
Moffatt, Robin D.	A.P.		Irving, Texas
Monroe, D. McD.	P.		Blaine, Tenn.
Moore, Park H., Jr.	P.	802 S. Broad St.	Gastonia, N. C.
Moorefield, David R.	S.S.	Dogwood Acres Church	Asheboro, N. C.
Moseley, James W.	P.	2127 37th St.	Galveston, Texas
Murphy, H. Leland	P.	Westminster Church	Springfield, Mo.
Nelson, Raymond L.	P.	Seminole Heights Church	Tampa, Fla.
Nesbit, Kirk N.	Stu. Worker	607 Peachtree St., N.E.	Atlanta, Ga.
Newsome, James D., Jr.	M.E.	3156 Peachtree Rd., N.E.	Atlanta, Ga.
Norville, Charles K.	P.	403 Virginia St.	Ashland, Va.
Ormand, Ben F., Jr.	P.		Brevard, N. C.
Overton, Harvey R., Jr.	P.	Box 374	Hinesville, Ga.
Owens, Charles W.	P.	Northminster Church	Kansas City, Mo.
Parkhill, Ralyn C.	P.	Box 189	Liberty, Texas
Phillips, C. C.	P.	First Church	Crowley, La.
Poland, Robert A.		USA Church	DePere, Wis.
Potter, Robert A.	P.		Murphy, N. C.
Pratt, Charles		6694 Iris Ave.	Cincinnati 13, Ohio
Rainwater, Roland W.	A.P.	401 Tuckahoe Blvd.	Richmond 26, Va.
Rand, Joseph O.	Ev.	1016 Gibraltar Life Bldg.	Dallas 1, Texas
Reid, Milton P., Th.M.	P.		Amelia, Va.
Richmond, David M.H.	Dir.Stu.Work Texas Tech.	2610 — 33rd	Lubbock, Texas
Ritchie, Stuart A.	P.		Troy, N. C.
*Roberts, Philip A., Th.M.	P.		Clifton Forge, Va.
Robinson, Leslie C.	Ev.	% 1st Presbyterian Church	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Rose, John Calvin	P.	602 N.E. 96th St. Miami Shores	Miami 38, Fla.
Russell, James L.	P.	5252 Glen Haven Drive, R. 3	Decatur, Ga.
Scott, J. Leighton, D.D.	P.		Belle Glade, Fla.
Severin, A. G.	P.	First Church	Bridgeport, Texas
Shriver, Donald Woods	Ev.	517 Oak Grove Rd.	Norfolk 5, Va.
Smith, Ernest B.	P.		Campbellsville, Ky.
Smith, William S.	P.	700 Fisk Ave.	Brownwood, Texas
Soules, Frank E.	M.E.	3705 Juandale Trail	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Stephens, Millard G.	P.	First Church	Aberdeen, Miss.
Stephenson, John P., Jr.	P.	300 Middle St.	Franklin, Va.
Stewart, Thomas G.	P.	2910 Grassmere St.	Shreveport, La.
Strupl, Milos, Th.M.	A.P.	422 Mitchell Ave.	Salisbury, N. C.
Sudduth, Joe T.	P.	Box 79, Buechel Branch	Louisville 18, Ky.
Tapp, Charles R.	P.		Seneca, S. C.
Taylor, William F., Jr.	Chap.	Hq. 8th Air Force	Westover Air Force Base, Mass.
Thielman, Calvin	P.		Waynesville, N. C.
Thomas, Martin H.	P.	258 E. Crockett	LaGrange, Texas
Thompson, John E.	P.		Williamston, N. C.
Tranbarger, John Ray	P.	Route 1	Auxvasse, Mo.
Turner, Earl L.	P.	1st Presbyterian Church	New Madrid, Mo.
Van Auken, William L.	T.S.	2613 Speedway	Austin, Texas
Van Dyke, James F.	P.	Tyler Memorial Church	Radford, Va.
Viser, Edmund D.	Ev.	(Organizing new work)	Garner, N. C.
Wallace, Campbell D.	F.M.	F.M. Appointee	
Watson, J. C.	P.Em.	Box 5344	Whitehaven, Tenn.
Watson, R. Delmas	T.S.	2825 Rothgeb	Raleigh, N. C.
White, Haves Reynolds	P.		Calvert, Texas
Wilkinson, E. Bert	P.	Route 1	Lugoff, S. C.
Williamson, Elbert M.	P.		Brownsville, Tenn.
Willis, George J.		Dismissed to Orthodox Presbyterian Ch.	
Willis, Keeran C.	P.		Shorter, Ala.
Wood, Elmer D.	Inf.	748 E. Grolee St.	Opelousas, La.
Woodall, William L.	P.	3420 N. 26th St.	Birmingham 7, Ala.
Womeldorf, G. Raymond, Jr.		3723 Jenifer St., N.W.	Washington 15, D. C.
Young, William B.	Chap.		Tyndal Air Force Base, Fla.

*Effective, Sept. 1, 1955

MINISTERIAL RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY

The reports from the presbyteries indicate that the following ministers have passed away since the last meeting of the General Assembly. (For complete list, see Part II, 1955 Minutes, page 162.)

Name	Date	Age	Presbytery
Brown, Frank C.	July 2, 1955	64	Atlanta
Fairley, Watson M.	June 6, 1955	82	Albemarle
Graham, James M.	Feb. 26, 1955	78	East Alabama
Logan, Charles A.	July 1, 1955	80	Nashville
Morton, J. Blair	May 26, 1955	87	Kanawha
Phipps, Charles H.	Mar. 25, 1955	70	Lexington
Wallace, J. E.	Apr. 29, 1955	74	Central Mississippi
Williams, George B., Jr.	Mar. 31, 1955	32	Wilmington
Williams, R. Murphy, Sr.	Mar. 27, 1955	86	Orange

ERRATA FOR PART II, 1955

Page 62. Presbytery of Missouri. Insert name of Rev. W. D. McCarty, Hughes, Ark. Change number of ministers to 19.

Page 188. Leonard's Chapel Church. Change Tellico *Springs* to Tellico *Plains*.

Page 217. Fifield, Harry A. Change Doncast*le* to Doncast*er*.

Page 218. Foreman, Kenneth J. Change degree *Th*.D. to *Ph*.D.

Page 222. Hay, Samuel H. Change degree *Ph*.D. to *LL*.D.

Page 224. Howell, W. I., Jr. Change Garden Lane North*east* to North*west*.

Page 227. After Knox, William R., insert the following line:

Koehler, Malcolm B. P.,S.C. 105 Neely's Bend Rd., Madison, Tenn. Nashville 106

Page 228. Love, H. Lawrence. Change *80* S.E. 6th Ave. to *800* S.E. 6th Ave.

XIV. PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS

(To Cover All Expenses of the Assembly)

Due January 1, 1956

Abingdon	$1,579.36	Louisiana-Mississippi	69.92
Albemarle	1,371.52	Louisville	2,154.08
Asheville	1,198.24	Mangum	574.56
Athens	609.76	Mecklenburg	4,825.76
Atlanta	4,750.88	Memphis	2,528.16
Augusta-Macon	1,143.52	Meridian	1,195.52
Bethel	1,484.16	Mid-Texas	1,652.16
Birmingham	1,476.48	Mississippi	561.44
Bluestone	947.36	Missouri	592.00
Brazos	3,873.44	Mobile	791.68
Central Alabama	54.48	Montgomery	2,728.48
Central Mississippi	1,933.76	Muhlenberg	544.32
Central Texas	1,235.52	Nashville	1,658.40
Charleston	834.88	New Orleans	1,516.96
Cherokee	779.84	Norfolk	2,849.44
Columbia	417.28	North Alabama	1,018.56
Concord	2,537.76	North Mississippi	651.20
Congaree	1,260.48	Orange	3,059.04
Dallas	2,952.80	Ouachita	1,218.40
Durant	292.16	Paris	1,069.76
East Alabama	1,381.28	Pee Dee	1,074.08
East Arkansas	1,040.48	Piedmont	761.76
East Hanover	3,286.08	Potomac	2,172.00
East Mississippi	778.88	Potosi	465.12
El Paso	1,271.20	Red River	1,394.08
Enoree	1,715.20	Roanoke	1,084.16
The Everglades	1,680.80	St. Johns	1,553.92
Fayetteville	2,793.12	St. Louis	906.56
Florida	1,256.32	Savannah	838.24
Georgia-Carolina	88.88	South Carolina	993.28
Granville	1,672.64	Southwest Georgia	1,133.92
Greenbrier	1,016.16	Suwannee	2,109.92
Guerrant	295.84	Transylvania	380.48
Harmony	967.36	Tuscaloosa	825.28
Holston	1,930.40	Upper Missouri	1,352.48
Indian	35.84	Washburn	1,233.12
Kanawha	2,933.76	Western Texas	3,446.72
Kings Mountain	1,399.84	West Hanover	758.88
Knoxville	2,211.68	Westminster	2,660.80
Lafayette	475.52	Wilmington	1,939.68
Lexington	2,674.56	Winchester	1,406.56
Lexington-Ebenezer	932.32	Winston-Salem	1,105.12
Louisiana	1,259.20		

The above assessments are calculated on the basis of communicants as reported December 31, 1954, sixteen (16) cents per capita, for all Assembly expenses for the year beginning January 1, 1956.

The presbyterial assessments are due January 1, 1956, and payment should be made to E. C. Scott, Treasurer, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LAY MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, TRUSTEES, ETC., WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND PAGE NUMBERS ON WHICH THEIR NAMES APPEAR.

Name	Street Address	Postoffice	Committee	Page
Adams, Alfred T.	Stahlman Bldg.	Nashville 3, Tenn.	World Missions	4
Aikman, Leo	Atlanta Journal	Atlanta, Ga.	Survey	14
Alford, Judge Julian R.	212 S. Monroe	Tallahassee, Fla.	Church Extension	5
			Nominating	3
Allen, Linton	First National Bank	Orlando, Fla.	Annuities & Relief	8
Avinger, Mrs. Geo. F.		Laurinburg, N. C.	Mission Court	13
Bailey, C. W.	First National Bank	Clarksville, Tenn.	Annuities & Relief	8
Barker, Mrs. Frank	2904 Thornhill Road	Birmingham, Ala.	Historical Fndn.	13
Barnhardt, Wm. H.	Commercial Bank Bldg.	Charlotte, N. C.	Historical Fndn.	13
Bartle, H. Roe	1023 Grand	Kansas City, Mo.	National Council	15
			Nominating	3
Belk, Miss Eleanor	Myers Park Church	Charlotte, N. C.	Ad Interim	12
Bell, Dr. L. Nelson		Montreat, N. C.	World Missions	4
			Montreat	13
Bird, Mrs. Tate		Shelbyville, Ky.	World Missions	4
Bishop, Leon W.	2822 Monument Ave.	Richmond 22, Va.	Mission Court	13
Bissett, Samuel F.	1101 Jackson St.	Tampa 2, Fla.	World Missions	4
Blackburn, T. Mack	713 Market St.	Knoxville, Tenn.	Men	7
Bleckschmidt, Mrs. H. C.	7523 Forest View Dr.	St. Louis 21, Mo.	World Missions	4
Boggs, Mrs. L. K.	1418 Ardsley Place	Birmingham 9, Ala.	World Missions	4
Bowles, George D.	Mutual Building	Richmond, Va.	Christian Education	7
Boykin, Mrs. Shirley	Box 146	Carrollton, Ga.	Historical Fndn.	13
Brewer, Mrs. T. Smith	801 Fourth St.	Huntington, W. Va.	Women	8
			National Council	15
			General Council	4
Brimm, Dr. Henry M.	Union Theol. Sem.	Richmond, Va.	Pbn. Alliance	16
Brooke, Mrs. Francis J., Jr.	608 Boissevain Ave.	Norfolk 7, Va.	Christian Education	7
Brown, Dr. Marshall W.		Clinton, S. C.	Christian Education	7
			Ad Interim	12
Brown, Royall R.	Box 2875	Winston-Salem, N. C.	Men	7
			Christian Education	7
Buckles, Mrs. Paul K.	315 - 64th St.	Newport News, Va.	Women	8
			A. T. S.	12
Cansler, John S.	1401 Queens Road, W.	Charlotte, N. C.	Trustee, G. A.	12
Carr, Michael L., Jr.		Brookhaven, Miss.	Men	7
Carson, McAlister	2215 Hopedale Ave.	Charlotte, N. C.	Ad Interim	12
			Office of G. A.	3
Carter, John O., Jr.	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Annuities & Relief	8
Cary, Miss Cammie	2314 Monument Ave.	Richmond, Va.	Mission Court	13
Cooper, Robert F., Jr.			Montreat	13
Craft, Floyd		Greensboro, N. C.	Montreat	13
Craig, Mrs. A. R.	Route 2	Rutherfordton, N. C.	Women	8
Crawford, Mrs. F. R.	906 High St.	Farmville, Va.	A. T. S.	12
			National Council	15
Crawford, Dr. Reuben		Fayetteville, Tenn.	Council Chr. Rel.	5
Crist, Marion	Union Life Bldg.	Little Rock, Ark.	Stillman	14
Crook, Mrs. Martin	158 Avant St.	Spartanburg, S. C.	Church Extension	5
Currie, Chas. J.	341-C Ponce de Leon Ave., NE.	Atlanta 5, Ga.	National Council	15
Dansby, W. L.	Stillman College	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Stillman	14
Davidson, Miss Louise A.	7503 Fairfax Road	Bethesda, Md.	Women	8
			Interchurch Relations	9
Dean, E. A.	712 Scarbrough Bldg.	Austin, Texas	General Council	4
Deifell, John J.	1010 N. Eugene St.	Greensboro, N. C.	Men	7
DeReign, Mrs. Morrell	706 Beckwith Ave.	Caruthersville, Mo.	Women	8
Doubles, Judge M. Ray	5307 New Kent Road	Richmond, Va.	A. T. S.	12
DuBose, Mrs. Henry Wade		Sweet Briar, Va.	Mission Court	13
Edens, Ed		Okolona, Miss.	National Council	14
Edington, Andrew	Schreiner College	Kerrville, Texas	National Council	15
Edington, Judge D. H.	Court House	Mobile, Ala.	Judicial	9
Etheridge, N. B.	511 E. City Hall Ave.	Norfolk, Va.	Church Extension	5
Farnsworth, R. A.	Box 74	Houston 1, Texas	Stillman	14
			National Council	14
			Coun. Chr. Rel.	5
Freeman, Mrs. D. R.	Box 82	Concord, Tenn.	National Council	15
Faucette, J. Edward	Faucette Company	Bristol, Tenn.	Office of G. A.	3
Favrot, Laurence	2707 Ferndale	Houston, Texas	Montreat	13
Flowers, George H., Jr.	11 Oak Lane	Richmond, Va.	A. T. S.	12
Forbes, Kenneth	1914 N. Fourth Ave.	Birmingham, Ala.	Stillman	14
Fraser, Col. Powell	307 Truett Drive	Montgomery, Ala.	National Council	15
Gardner, William R.	1006 Mutual Bldg.	Richmond 24, Va.	A. T. S.	12
Givens, David		Somerville, Tenn.	Office of G. A.	3
Goolsby, Mrs. A. C.	2800 Griffin Ave.	Richmond, Va.	Mission Court	13
Grant, Dr. Edward D.	State Capitol	Baton Rouge, La	Stillman	14
			Ad Interim	12
			World Council	15
Grant, Mrs. J. H.	3201 Brook Road	Richmond 22, Va.	Mission Court	13
Gray, Thomas E.	First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.	Tampa, Fla.	Montreat	13
Green, Miss Evelyn L.	341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., NE.	Atlanta, Ga.	National Council	15
			Survey	14

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Haberyan, Mrs. Henry D.	624 Linden St.	Shreveport 27, La.	World Missions	4
Hammond, Ed C.	c/o Georgia Power Co.	Atlanta, Ga.	Men	7
Hay, F. S.	4 Beverly Road	Charleston, S. C.	Office of G. A.	3
Hemphill, Dr. W. Edwin	4822 E. Seminary Ave.	Richmond 27, Va.	Office of G. A.	3
Hestir, Bluford	341-C Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.	Atlanta 5, Ga.	Survey	14
Hill, Carl M.	Tenn. State College	Nashville, Tenn.	Stillman	14
Hill, Pres. Henry H.	George Peabody College	Nashville, Tenn.	Ad Interim	12
Hill, John H.	117 - 13th Ave., N.	Texas City, Tex.	Council Chr. Rel.	5
Hill, Wm. R.		Richmond, Va.	A. T. S.	12
Hopper, Mrs. W. H.	2532 W. Burnett	Louisville 10, Ky.	Women	8
			World Council	15
Howard, W. J.	413 Ricou-Brewster Bldg.	Shreveport, La.	Men	7
Howerton, Philip F.	Box 839	Charlotte 1, N. C.	Montreat	13
			Annuities & Relief	8
			Ad Interim	12
Hoyt, George B.	2603 Habersham, N. W.	Atlanta, Ga.	Women	8
Hudson, Karl, Jr.	Hudson Belk Co.	Raleigh, N. C.	Montreat	13
Huie, Ralph A.	1st Nat'l. Bank, N. Ave. Br.	Atlanta, Ga.	Church Extension	5
Humphrey, Walter R.	Fort Worth Press	Fort Worth, Texas	Men	7
			Christian Education	7
Huser, Marshall	Box 935	Wewoka, Okla.	Men	7
Hutaff, Mrs. Julian	126 Broadfoot Ave.	Fayetteville, N. C.	A. T. S.	12
Jack, Wm. H.	2018 Republic Bank Bldg.	Dallas, Texas	Christian Education	7
Jackson, James	154 N. Perkins Road	Memphis, Tenn.	Men	7
Jackson, Dr. F. L.		Davidson, N. C.	Montreat	13
			Trustee, G. A.	12
Jenkins, Miss Annie Tait	341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.	Atlanta 5, Ga.	Coun. Chr. Rel.	5
Jones, Mrs. Alfred P.	1317 Franklin Road	Roanoke, Va.	Survey	14
Jones, Halbert M.		Laurinburg, N. C.	Christian Education	7
Karsch, Robert F.	516 Edgewood Ave.	Columbia, Mo.	Men	7
Kell, Robert E.	Grey Hosiery Mills	Bristol, Va.	Interchurch Rel.	9
Kellenberger, J. A.	529 Southeastern Bldg.	Greensboro, N. C.	Christian Education	7
Kennington, Robert G.	827 Pinehurst St.	Jackson, Miss.	Judicial	9
Kennon, Gov. Robert F.	State Capitol	Baton Rouge, La.	Judicial	9
Keyes, Kenneth S.	19 W. Flagler St.	Miami 35, Fla.	Montreat	13
King, Mrs. Albert		Bristol, Tenn.	Stillman	14
Lacy, Mrs Graham	3045 15th St., N. W.	Washington 9, D. C.	Survey	14
Lee, L. Tennent, Jr.	201 Frederick Ct. Apts.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Stillman	14
Lemon, H. W.	Box 583	Darien, Ga.	Men	7
Litz, A. Walton	5101 Edgewood Rd.	Little Rock, Ark.	General Countil	4
			Trustees, G. A.	12
Litz, Mrs. A. Walton	5101 Edgewood Rd.	Little Rock, Ark.	Ad Interim	12
			Pbn. Alliance	16
Livick, Arthur C.	6616 W. Franklin St.	Richmond, Va.	Men	7
Macom, Arthur R.	Box 698	Stuttgart, Ark.	Men	7
Matthews, John V.	Drawer 1106	Fayetteville, Tenn.	Office of G. A.	3
			Christian Education	7
			Men	7
			Montreat	13
McCain, Dr. J. R.	219 S. Candler	Decatur, Ga.	Nominating	3
			National Council	14
McComb, Miss Louise	3821 University Blvd.	Dallas 5, Texas	National Council	15
McCord, William H.	158 Second Ave., N.	Nashville, Tenn.	World Missions	4
McCutchen, Miss. Janie W.	341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.	Atlanta, Ga.	A. T. S.	12
			World Council	15
McCutchen, Mrs. L. M.	Box 330	Nashville 1, Tenn.	Survey	14
McCutchen, Mrs. W. A.	7716 8th Ave., S.	Birmingham, Ala.	Women	8
McGaughey, Dr. Janie W.	341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.	Atlanta 5, Ga.	National Council	15
McGee, E. G.	9 Thorn Place	Montgomery, Ala.	Stillman	14
McIntosh, W. Legare	5408 Wilson Blvd.	Columbia, S. C.	Men	7
McKay, Dr. Hamilton W.	1012 Kings Drive	Charlotte 7, N. C.	Historical Fndn.	13
McKeithen, J. H.	614 West End Blvd.	Winston-Salem, N. C.	Ad Interim	12
McLaury, Dr. Elbert	16th Ave. and Blvd.	Hollywood, Fla.	Ad Interim	12
McMurray, Col. C. M.	Box 802	Lewisburg, W. Va.	Men	7
McPheeters, T. S.	301 Liberty Life Bldg.	Charlotte, N. C.	Trustees, G. A.	12
McQueen, Mrs. J. W.	549 55th Place	Birmingham 6, Ala.	Christian Education	7
Miller, Col. Francis P.	Box 1757, University Sta.	Charlottesville, Va.	World Council	15
Miller, Dr. Lila Bonner	768 Juniper St., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.	Ad Interim	12
Moore, Col. D. T.		Lewisburg, W. Va.	Minister & His. Wk.	9
Morgan, Edwin		Laurel Hill, N. C.	Montreat	13
Morris, Curtis	729 15th St., N. W.	Washington 5, D. C.	Annuities & Relief	8
Morrison, John L.	Praetorian Bldg.	Dallas 1, Texas	Office of G. A.	3
			Montreat	13
Murray, Judge W. O.	751 Estes	San Antonio, Tex.	National Council	15
Myers, John M., Jr.	5963 Tchoupitoulas St.	New Orleans, La.	Men	7
Norfleet, Mrs. Chas. M.	Country Club Rd.	Winston-Salem, N. C.	Mission Court	13
Norris, George R.	954 Main St.	Danville, Va.	Montreat	13
Oleand, James		Darlington, S. C.	General Council	4
Oliver, John L.	Oliver & Oliver	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Annuities & Relief	8
Osborn, Willis	1225 Springdale Rd., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.	Survey	14
Parker, Chas. D.	1st Nat'l. Bank & Trust Co.	Asheville, N. C.	Historical Fndn.	13
Patterson, Mrs. Geo. V.	429 S. York St.	Gastonia, N. C.	Mission Court	13
Patterson, Dr. Norman G.	Box 401	Bristol, Tenn.	World Missions	4
Patterson, Dr. S. J., Jr.	Box 1176	Richmond 9, Va.	World Council	15
Pegram, Mrs. R. M.	Route 1, Box 510A	Louisville, Ky.	Nominating	3
Persinger, Miss Charlotte	Westminster Church	Nashville, Tenn.	Christian Education	7

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Peters, R. L.	1236 Watauga St.	Kingsport, Tenn.	Stillman	14
Phelps, Mrs. Norwood M.	2405 Pineridge Rd.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Christian Education	7
Pleasant, W. E.	729 North St.	Jackson, Miss.	Montreat	13
Porter, F. B.	1609 Samuels Ave.	Fort Worth, Tex.	Ad Interim	12
Powell, W. J.	Box 680	Thomasville, Ga.	Ad Interim	12
Powell, Mrs. W. J.	Box 680	Thomasville, Ga.	Women	8
Pressly, Dr. W. L.	3210 Howell Mill Rd., N. W.	Atlanta, Ga.	Office of G. A.	3
Price, C. Grattan		Harrisonburg, Va.	Trustees, G. A.	12
Price, W. E.	116 West Third St.	Charlotte, N. C.	Christian Education	7
Reddick, Dr. Dewitt	University of Texas	Austin, Tex.	Survey	14
Reeves, Gilbert L.	Box 420	Tyler, Tex.	Men	7
Repass, Everett L.	Box 92	Salem, Va.	General Council	4
Rhodes, Pres. Peyton N.	Southwestern	Memphis, Tenn.	Stillman	14
Rice, Turner	First National Bank	Mobile, Ala.	Annuities & Relief	8
Richards, Ralph	Bank Bldg.	Clearwater, Fla.	Pbn. Alliance	16
Rice, Turner	First National Bank	Mobile, Ala.	Annuities & Relief	8
Richardson, Mrs. Donald W.	1409 Wentbridge Road	Richmond 27, Va.	A. T. S.	12
Richardson, Will M.	Box 236	Tyler, Texas	Annuities & Relief	8
Robinson, Reid V.	516 N. Western	Oklahoma City, Okla.	General Council	4
			Pbn. Alliance	16
Robinson, Mrs. S. A., Sr.	789 Clairborne	Jackson, Miss.	Church Extension	5
Rose, L L.	Liberty Life Bldg.	Charlotte, N. C.	Trustees, G. A.	12
Sansing, Wm. M.	1010 Gibraltar Life Bldg.	Dallas, Tex.	Survey	14
Schenck, Hollister V.	13 Stonehurst Green	Richmond, Va.	Christian Education	7
Schmidt, Miss Miriam	804 Hammond Ave.	San Antonio, Tex.	Annuities & Relief	8
Scott, Senator W. Kerr		Haw River, N. C.	National Council	14
Smith, Mrs. Julius	1143 N. Windomere Dr.	Dallas 8, Tex.	Women	8
Stearns, Dan P.	302 Florence Ave.	Statesboro, Ga.	Men	7
Stewart, Ivey W.	1136 Berkley Ave.	Charlotte, N. C.	Trustees, G. A.	12
Taylor, Arch B.	Drawer 597	Winston-Salem, N. C.	Church Extension	5
Taylor, M. Elmer	1637 Dunsford Rd.	Jacksonville 7, Fla.	Men	7
Terrell, Mrs. J. Percy	915 Washington Ave.	Navasota, Tex.	Women	8
Thomas, Mrs. J. N.	1002 Westwood Ave.	Richmond, Va.	A. T. S.	12
Trulock, Mrs. Walter N., Jr.	Free Bridge Rd.	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Women	8
Tumilty, Howard T.	First National Bank	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Montreat	13
Turk, Dr. L. Newton, Jr.	1516 Morningside Dr., N. E.	Atlanta, Ga.	Annuities & Relief	8
Van Meter, Dr. J. Fara	183 N. Upper St.	Lexington, Ky.	General Council	4
			Coun. Chr. Rel.	5
Vass, Mrs. Helen	106 E. Church St.	Orlando, Fla.	Women	8
Veitch, T. E.	Box 35	Starkville, Miss.	Church Extension	5
Wade, Dean John W.	2122 Sharondale Dr.	Nashville 12, Tenn.	Judicial	9
Walker, Henry		Kinston, N. C.	Montreat	13
Walker, Mrs. J. G.	Box 244	Forest City, N. C.	Women	8
Walker, Mrs. J. P.	Elam Road, Route 6	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	General Council	4
Warner, Herbert D.		Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Montreat	13
Wellford, John	925 Union Ave.	Memphis, Tenn.	General Council	4
Westcott, Lamar		Dalton, Ga.	World Missions	4
Whitaker, Mrs. H. B.		Petersburg, Tenn.	Women	8
Whitfield, W. B.	406 California St.	Huntsville, Ala.	Men	7
Wilgus, R. E.	2892 Castlewood Dr., N. W.	Atlanta, Ga.	Office of G. A.	3
Williams, Robert L.	Box 145	Jeffersontown, Ky.	Men	7
Wilson, Robert R.	717 Anderson St.	Durham, N. C.	Coun. Chr. Rel.	5
Wood, Herbert H.	Box 368	Harrisonburg, Va.	A. T. S.	12
Woods, Cecil	702 Volunteer Bldg.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Stillman	14
Wright, George H.	Wachovia Bank Bldg.	Asheville, N. C.	Church Extension	5
			Montreat	13
			Coun. Chr. Rel.	5
Yarnell, Miss Marietta	341-B Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.	Atlanta 5, Ga.	Survey	14

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Anderson, Miss Sara—First Church, Catonsville, Md.
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Bartus, Miss Margaret—St. Stephen Church, Box 2236, Fort Worth, Texas
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Bauguess, Miss Louise—Falls Church Presbyterian, Falls Church, Va.
Becknell, Miss Elizabeth—First Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas
Beehler, Miss Margaret Ann—Second Church, Greenville, S. C.
Beggs, Miss Martha—Second Church, Little Rock, Ark.
Beitman, Miss Florrie—First Church, Wilmington, N. C.
Bell, Mrs. James—First Church, Abilene, Texas
Belk, Miss Eleanor—Myers Park Church, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, N. C.
Bennett, Miss Florence—First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Missouri
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Blackburn, Miss Virginia—First Church, Winchester, Ky.
Blackmon, Mrs. H. R.—Arsenal Hill Church, Columbia, S. C.
Boand, Miss Catherine Jean—First Church, 607 Taylor St., Ft Worth, Texas
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Broom, Miss Ann—First Church, Seneca, S. C.
Brown, Miss Helen—First Church, Statesville, N. C.
Brown, Miss Ann—First Church, Albany, Ga.
Brown, Miss Katherine—First Church, Carrollton, Ga.
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Burgess, Miss Mary Lily—Lake City Church, Box 143, Lake City, S. C.
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Carson, Miss Mary Faith—Fourth Church, Greenville, S. C.
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Chase, Douglas C., Sr.—Second Church, Louisville, Ky.
Cheney, Miss Virginia—First Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Choate, Miss Margaret Ann—First Church, Goldsboro, N. C.
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Christie, Miss Malissa.—First Church, Hickory, N. C.
Clark, Miss Louise—West End Church, 1600 Atlantic St., Hopewell, Va.
Claxton, Miss Tempe—Highlands Heights Church, Memphis, Tenn.
Clements, Mrs. M. V.—First Church, Lexington, Mo.
Clonts, Miss Mildren—First Church, Quincy, Fla.
Cochte, Miss Jo Ann—First Church, Harlingen, Tex.
Cole, Miss Helen—First Church, Pensacola, Fla.
Collins, Miss Betty—First Church, Lakeland, Fla.
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Comer, Miss Margaret—First Church, Hamlet, N. C.
Conde, Miss Carolyn—P. O. Box 246, Dunedin, Fla.
Cook, Miss Jane—Covenant Church, 2461 Peachtree Rd., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
Cotton, Mrs. Barbara G.—First Church, Marietta, Ga.
Courreges, Mrs. Eugenie—Community Church, Box 1407, Atlantic Beach, Fla.
Cousar, Miss Pat—First Church, Laurel, Miss.
Cowan, Miss Margaret—Highland Park Church, Dallas, Texas
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